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A LETTER FROM YOUR PASTOR

Greetings! In the name of Jesus Christ who redeems us and gives us hope, I write to my brothers and sisters as we begin the new year.

I hope this letter finds you well and looking towards 1992 for your life in Christ and our life in the church. I wanted to share with you a couple of different points of information and the direction that we are moving in January as we begin this new year together. Enclosed is a copy of the budget that was approved in December at our congregational meeting. This year we received pledges from our congregation and then made our budget in response to those gifts. As you will notice in the budget, we are fortunate to have Jim Grimshaw continue to be with us until June 1992. He will continue to work with the education program and the young adults of our congregation. We also were able to bring Diane Johnson, our secretary, on full time as we have continued to realize that with the amount of programming that we do in our church and the book-keeping of our congregation, we needed to have her full time.

We have completed ten home meetings in which we met with 130-140 members of our congregation. From our home meetings I took our hopes and dreams, the challenges, and the strengths of this congregation, and met with the elders and began to look at what are the major emphasis for our congregation for the next three years. In our January board meeting we will work toward a mission statement with the board and begin to finalize our "Strategy for Witness" we will come to the congregation at the end of January with a mission statement and a direction for the next three years concerning the spiritual development of our congregation and the growth of this church. As we set this direction we will also look towards the portfolio that had been the minister of education and see what areas of emphasis this staff person needs to develop. June 1 when Jim Grimshaw leaves, we will have somebody continue on with the education and the area that we feel needs to be developed.

Helen Donnell will continue to work with our music program as well as coordinating the Sunshine committee and care for our homebound and giving secondary pastoral care in the hospital when I will be unable to be present.

For our church to continue to grow and deepen our faith in Jesus Christ your participation and help will be extremely important. Your presence in worship, the gifts you bring for time and talent, and your financial support will be the deciding factor whether our church will

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grow or not, we can have ministers who give us their direction and help us implement the idea that we feel God is calling us to work towards, with the support of the congregation, these dreams cannot come into reality. My goal is that this year with a balanced budget, that if everyone continues to give what they have committed themselves too, and if we continue to have new people coming into the congregation, we should never have a deficit or a problem with our budget and the work that we are striving to do in the Lord's name will be prosperous.

I am excited about these next couple of months as we see the hopes of this congregation coming into a "Strategy of Witness" that we can implement. Each week our worship service will help us build towards this goal as we look scripturally at what God calls us to, dreams for us, and helps us to imagine for our church and this community.

Finally, the ministers and elders of this congregation want to care for our flock at best we can, you will need to let us know when there is someone in the hospital or a crisis that we may be called to. Many times people go into the hospital or have an illness and never let the ministerial staff know and it's very frustrating for us because we cannot reach out ant help those individuals if we do not know of the situation. I hope each one of you will invite someone to come to worship through January as we look towards the gifts that we bring and how we can serve our Lord Jesus Christ.

Peace,

Jerry

P.S. I want to thank Jim Grimshaw for preaching for me this past Sunday, as we had a lock-in with 16 junior high youth locked into the church from 7:00 p.m. Saturday night until 7:00 a.m. Sunday morning for study, worship, and fellowship. My thanks to Donna McEvoy and Leo Heimann, and Diane Zehr for helping give leadership to this event. Thanks also for all those who helped with the Christmas Eve services especially meaningful this year and for all the beautiful pageantry that we had during the Christmas season. It truly was a beautiful time of Advent in which we came celebrating the birth of Christ.

THANK YOU

Many thanks to Evelyn Yeoman for staffing the office last week while Diane was on vacation. Thank you Evelyn!

I wish to thank everyone for their cards, calls, visits and prayers while I was in the hospital.

Marge Mitchell

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH - 1992 BUDGET

LEADERSHIP	1990	1992 BUDGET
INCOME AND BENEFITS		
SENIOR PASTOR		
Salary & Housing	$36,326.00	$35,306.00
Health Insurance	4,440.00	2,124.00
Pension Fund	2,477.00	4,943.00
Social Security Offset		3,204.00
Insurance Deductible		300.00
SUB TOTAL		**$45,877.00**
MINISTER OF EDUCATION	$22,281.00	
JIM GRIMSHAW JAN - MAY		$ 5,000.00
? JUNE - DEC		17,727.00
SUB TOTAL		**$22,727.00**
MINISTER OF MUSIC	$14,854.00	$15,787.00
PROFESSIONAL EXPENSES		
SENIOR PASTOR		
TRAVEL & CAR	$ 3,600.00	$ 3,600.00
CONVENTION & CONT. ED	547.00	1,500.00
MINISTER OF EDUCATION		
TRAVEL & CAR	$ 408.00	$ 500.00
CONVENTION & CONT. ED	531.00	500.00
MINISTER OF MUSIC		
TRAVEL & CAR	$ 794.00	$ 500.00
CONVENTION & CONT. ED	306.00	500.00
OTHER STAFF		
SECRETARY	$14,903.00	$18,981.00
CUSTODIAN		$15,024.00
PENSION		2,103.00
SUB TOTAL	**$16,151.00**	**$17,127.00**
ORGANIST	$ 4,132.00	$ 4,446.00
BABYSITTING	$ 1,021.00	$ 1,514.00
SOCIAL SECURITY	$ 5,352.00	$ 6.000.00
TOTAL LEADERSHIP & PERSONNEL	**$128,123.00**	**$139,559.00**

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STAFF AND OFFICE BUDGET

	1990	1992 BUDGET
STAFF SALARIES, WAGES, PROFESSIONAL EXPENSES	$128,123.00	$139,559.00
OFFICE BUDGET		
POSTAGE AND MAILING	$ 4,770.00	$ 6,000.00
OFFICE SUPPLIES AND PRINTING	7,623.00	4,000.00
TOTAL STAFF AND OFFICE BUDGET	**$140,516.00**	**$149,559.00**

PROGRAM BUDGET SUMMARY

LAY LEADERSHIP		.00
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	$ 3,577.00	$ 4,500.00
PROPERTY	26,059.00	25,000.00
STEWARDSHIP	789.00	1,010.00
FELLOWSHIP	2,142.00	2,500.00
WORSHIP	7,967.00	5,715.00
OUTREACH & SERVICE	26,796.00	26,825.00
EVANGELISM	3,906.00	5,304.00
STAFF & OFFICE	140,516.00	149,559.00
O&S SPECIAL OFFERINGS	6,824.00	*
FOOD BANK	1,286.00	*
TOTAL 1992 ASKING BUDGET	**$219,862.00**	**$220,413.00**

PROJECTED INCOME FOR 1992

PRE-RECORDED GIVING	$ 2,048.00	$ 4,350.00
RECORDED GIVING	186,487.00	197,000.00
LOOSE OFFERING/SUN. SCHOOL	5,121.00	5,000.00
MEMORIAL B INTEREST	5,978.00	6,000.00
INTEREST CHECKING ACCT.	698.00	600.00
DEPARTMENTAL INCOME	10,730.00	6,000.00
NEW MEMBERS		3,000.00
SPECIAL OFFERINGS	6,824.00	*
FOOD BANK	1,286.00	*
TOTAL PROJECTED BUDGET INCOME	**$ 219,172.00**	**$221,950.00**
		* NOT INCLUDED
NET INCOME	**(690.00)**	**$ 1,537.00**

January 1992

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 7:30 p Choir Party @ the Rittenhouse,	4 8:00 a Men's Breakfast 8:30 a Youth/ Sponsor Meet.
5 8:15 & 10:45 a - Worship Services 9:30 a Church School 9:30 a Disciple-Ship Class 6:15 p Prayer Service	6	7 7:30 p Lay Leadership Comm	8 5:00 p Celebrative Ringers 6:15 p Chi Rho 6:30 p Creatve Arts	9 5:30 p Carillon 7:00 p Chancel Choir	10 10:00 a Rachel Circle	11 7:30 a Young Adults Ski Trp
12 8:15 & 10:45 a - Worship Services 9:30 a Church School 9:30 a Disciple-Ship Class 6:15 p Prayer Service	13 6:30 p CE Committee	14 11:30 a Rebecca Circle 7:30 p Board/ Trustees	15 5:00 p Celebrative Riners 6:15 p Chi Rho 6:15 p Supper 6:30 p Creative Arts	16 5:30 p Carillon 5:30 p Personnel Committee 7:00 p Chancel Choir	17	18
19 8:15 & 10:45 a - Worship Services 9:30 a Church School 9:30 a Disciple-Ship Class 6:15 p Prayer Service 7:30 p Martin Luther Service At Plymouth Congregational	20 MARTIN LUTHER KING'S BIRTHDAY - OFFICE CLOSED	21 7:00 p Sarah Circle	22 5:00 p Celebrative Ringers 6:15 p Chi Rho 6:15 p Supper 6:30 p Creative Arts	23 5:30 p Carillon 7:00 p Chancel Choir	24	25
26 8:15 & 10:45 a - Worship Services 9:30 a Church School 9:30 a Disciple-Ship Class 6:15 p Prayer Service	27 4:15 p Jim Grimshaw's PRC	28 7:00 p Committees	29 5:00 p Celebrative Ringers 6:15 p Chi Rho 6:15 p Supper 6:30 p Creative Arts	30 5:30 p Carillon 7:00 p Chancel Choir	31	

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND:

MR. DENNIS McCLURG, PRINCIPAL AT SNIDER HIGH SCHOOL, WILL PRESENT HIS ENTIRE PROGRAM ON THE MID-EAST

"HISTORICAL, CULTURAL, AND RELIGIOUS ROOTS OF THE THREE MAJOR RELIGIONS OF THE MID-EAST

JUDAISM -

CHRISTIANITY -

ISLAM -

DATES: THE LAST THREE WEDNESDAY EVENINGS IN JANUARY:

JANUARY 15, 22 & 29

AND THE FIRST WEDNESDAY EVENING IN FEBRUARY:

FEBRUARY 5

TIME: 7:00 pm -8:00pm

VIDEO TAPES OF MR. McCLURG'S TELEVISED PRESENTATION WILL BE AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE.

SERMON PREVIEW
SERMON TITLE: WHAT GIFTS SHALL WE BRING?
SCRIPTURE: MATTHEW 2:1-12

Who were the Wise Men who came to give honor to Jesus? What gifts did they bring? Why were they warned in a dream not to return to Herod? What gifts will you bring this Sunday as we come like the Wise Men to give praise to the Christ Child.

RECLAIMING THE DREAM

February 15-16 - a marriage enrichment experience for couples in the church. Cost: $30.00 per person for lodging and meals and program. If you'd like to have a weekend for you and your spouse to get away and reclaim the dream of your love for one another, having some time for games and fun as well as looking at ways of learning how to make the dream of your love grow deeper and fuller in your relationship. Mark these dates on your calendar. The registration forms will be in the newsletter next week.

YOUTH SPONSORS MEETING, SATURDAY, JANUARY 4, 8:30 - 12:30 at the church. We will be planning spring and summer activities for our youth groups.

CHOIRS CHRISTMAS PARTY

January 3 at the Rittenhouse Restaurant, 218 S. Main St., Bluffton, Indiana. Dinner will be at 7:30 p.m., social time at 6:45 p.m. Parking behind the restaurant - additional parking available in the clinic lot across the street. Anyone wishing to carpool, meet at the church at 6:15 p.m. SHARP! Should you need additional information, please call John or Brenda Kelly at 745-0800. Hope to see you there!

SKIING!

The Young Adults are sponsoring a ski trip up to Timberridge in Kalamazoo, Michigan on Saturday, January 11. Anyone interested in a day of snow skiing is welcome.

We'll leave from the church at 7:30 a.m. and return late that night. Approximate costs are: $20 for lift ticket, $10-$15 for ski rental. Bring a lunch if you want. We'll carpool up there. If there's no snow, then January 18 will be the "SNOW" date.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

On Wednesday evenings at 6:15 p.m., a supper will be provided for all those people attending activities that evening. It will start on January 8. For youth attending choirs or youth group, for adults attending Christian Education seminars, for parents who are running their kids back and forth, this meal will be available for your convenience and for fellowship. We ask for a $1.00 donation to help with the cost.

SERVING JANUARY 5

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Charles Ludwig and Sam Hayes

10:45 A.M. Curt Miller and Pat Mullen

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. R. Merrick, C. Davis, Jt. Myers, J. Myers

10:45 A.M. B. Kerley, S. Kerley, J. Kelly, B. Kelly, L. Bushey, B. Glasgow, C. Hatten, T. Hatten

USHERS

8:15 A.M. J. Ott, C. Byrket, C. Davis

10:45 A.M. C. McGrew, W. Bowen, B. Glasgow, D. Kreischer

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

M. Hartman - J. Kelly
D. Oden - G. Brown
K. Ohneck - N. Knappenberger
M. Crouse - R. Moll

COMMUNION PREPARATION

M. Hutchinson, S. Oden, M. Orr

ACOLYTES

Andy Stow & Katie Moll

EXTENDED SESSION II LEADER

Sam Hayes

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Bill & Joan Franklin

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Bill Johnson

10:45 A.M. Linda Stover

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4

8:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast
8:30 A.M. Youth/Sponsor Meeting

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
9:30 A.M. Disciple-Ship Class
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
6:15 P.M. Prayer Service

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7

7:30 P.M. Lay Leadership Committee

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8

5:00 P.M. Celebrative Ringers/ Youth Handbell Choir
6:15 P.M. Chi Rho
6:30 P.M. Creative Arts

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9

5:30 P.M. Carillon
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10

10:00 A.M. Rachel Circle

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

7:30 A.M. Young Adults Ski Trip

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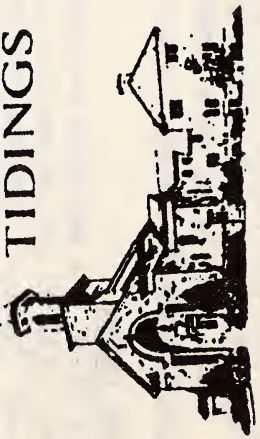

BIRTHDAYS JANUARY 7-13

Kenneth Taylor (7)
Julie Mishler (7)
Bill Schilling, Jr. (8)
Kim Gross (9)
Anorak Phomsoupha (10)
Myrtle DeVinney (10)
Scott Murray (10)
Deb Lehman (12)

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FROM HERE TO ZEHR

Last week in this column I began articulating our direction for the next couple of months, and I wanted to complete this picture for you. In December as I mentioned our elders met with me to compile the information from our home meetings. Three priorities kept on reoccuring through our home meetings: 1) numerical and spiritual growth; 2) a strong education program; 3) mission - reading into our community and be a stabilizing force in a transitional neighborhood.

Numerical and spiritual growth came together in the realization that numerical growth would not happen without spiritual growth happening. What would this look like? For churches to grow and be vital communities, there needs to be many entry points for people to enter into the church. People come at different places in their spiritual journey and we need to offer them a place where they feel they can join in. Having a variety of small group experiences where people can become connected to others, (i.e. Bible study, senior citizen program, sports activities, drama, music, special seminars).

The other part of numerical growth is having strong evangelism with more than just a committee of 5 people doing the evangelism for the church.

2) **A Strong Educational Program** is very much connected to the desire for spiritual growth. How can we increase the number of people in the study of the scriptures. One of my goals is to see more people in church school on Sunday morning, but also realizing we need to provide other opportunities for those who don't come on Sunday morning. The other part of the educational emphasis was to have a strong youth program. If a church is going to grow, it will need a strong Sunday School youth program.

3) **The third emphasis was one of mission** - continuing to affirm our work in the larger church and to find ways of being a positive influence in our neighborhood. How can we help our immediate area continue to be stable for adults and children?

In our January board meeting we will look at these emphasis, and explore direction and mission statements for the next 3 years that the congregation at large can discuss and affirm if they so desire, later on in January.

Hope to see you Sunday and invite a friend to come with you!

Peace,
Jerry

SERMON PREVIEW
SERMON TITLE - SHOW ME THE WAY
SCRIPTURE - LUKE 3:15-17, 21-22
ACTS 8:14-17

The Luke scripture makes reference to Jesus' baptism, do you remember your baptism? What did it mean to you to become baptized? What does it mean now? Has your understanding of what it means to be baptized changed?

DISCIPLE-SHIP
NEW 5 WEEK SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

For those who want to learn about the history and beliefs of the Disciples of Christ, how we use the Bible, what it means to be a Christian. Rev. Zehr is teaching this class in the fellowship hall during the Sunday School hour.

CO-ED VOLLEYBALL - THIS SUNDAY, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

We will begin playing volleyball every Sunday at Lincolnshire Church of the Brethren - just 1 mile south of us on Calhoun Street. Bring $2.00 to pay for the cost of the gym. This is not league play, so bring a friend, especially someone who isn't going to church any where. It's a great way to get people connected to the church.

YOUTH HANDBELL CHOIR

We are so happy to be able to announce the resumption of our youth handbell choir. It faltered last year for lack of enough ringers, but this year enough youth have committed to begin again. The choir is named the Celebration Ringers and will meet at 5:15 p.m. every Wednesday beginning January 15 under the direction of Teresa Hatten. Supper will be at 6:15 for those kids who will be staying for Chi Rho or Creative Arts. Cost for supper is $1.00.

If there are youth who read music who have not been contacted for this performing choir who would like to ring, please let Teresa or Helen Donnell know. With 3 more music-reading ringers, this two octave choir could become a three-octave choir! For those who are not able to read music, we hope to begin a training bell choir for youth and/or adults. Call Helen if you'd like to be in learning choir! Teresa's phone is 447-2649. Helen's is 744-3239 at church and 432-0152 at home.

HAPPY RINGING!

CYF - High school youth group meeting this Sunday, January 12, 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. Everyone come for some crazy fun!

CHI RHO - We will meet at 6:15 p.m. Wednesday evening for supper and then youth group. Bring $1.00 for the supper.

JOYS & CONCERNS

Our sympathy is extended to the Lehman family in the death of Bill Lehman who died this week.

THANK YOU

The love and friendship have again touched our lives from our church family. Thanks for the spiritual and emotional support given to our family during this time of need.

John & Kris Ohneck
Tracy Critell
Denay Ohneck

C.W.F. EXECUTIVE BOARD will meet this Saturday, January 11, 1992 at 9:00 a.m.

PLEASE NOTE

The Area I New Church Committee meeting on January 15, 1992 meeting time has been changed from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at North Christian Church, 5201 Camden Drive.

NEEDED

Additional volunteers are needed to help with the mailing of the Tidings on Wednesday morning (or every other Wednesday morning). Call the church office at 744-3239 if you might be interested in helping with this project. Thank you.

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ADDITIONAL CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO THE CONGREGATION

Linn & George Bartling; Karen Doehrman; Mr. & Mrs. William DeVinney; The Lindsay's, Jack & Bobbi; Grace Truby; Glenn & Lola Miller; Larry, Sue, Melissa & Sara Brey; John & Brenda Kelly; Roger, Anne, Andy, Dan, & Katie Moll; Tom & Laura York; Jack & Janet Weicker; Margaret, Brian, & Jason Prechtl; John & Kris Ohneck, Tracy & Denay; Ruby Mowery; Mrs. Ernest Kattas & Grandson, Chris Fountain; Dorothy Schmidt; Mark, Julie, Mara & Morgan Mishler; Margaret & Bill Love; Colyn & Harold Crowder; Don, Beth, Lucy & Albert Wiltfong; Dick & Katie Kilgore.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Graham and Molly Baughman transferred their membership to First Christian last Sunday. Molly is from First United Methodist Church, Lexington, Kentucky; and Graham is from Middletown Christian, Louisville, Kentucky. Their address is 7007 Saxton Run 46835. Phone - 486-0909. Welcome Graham and Molly!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SEMINAR

There will be a 4 week Christian Education seminar on January 15, 22, 29, and February 5 starting at 7:00 p.m. Dennis McClurg, principal at Snider High School will lead the study on the history, culture, and religion of the Mideast (Judaism, Christianity, and Islam). Mr. McClurg has lead this study in several places in our community, and he was here in our congregation to present a condensed form of the study last August. Because of the outstanding reception he received while he was here, and because of the importance of interfaith relationships today, we've asked him to come back. VHS video tapes of his PBS TV presentation will also be available for purchase.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

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ALL CHURCH BIRTHDAY DINNER, SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

You are invited to attend the All Church Birthday Dinner on Sunday, January 26. Rolls, drinks, and cake will be furnished. Please bring one dish of the following: salads, vegetables, or a meat casserole. You will sit with other folks who celebrate their birthday the same month as you.

CONGREGATIONAL ART SHOW - THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

This exhibit is open to all members of the congregation age 7 years and above. Work executed by members up to age 15 will be shown for the length of the exhibition. The committee urges all members of the congregation with an artistic bent to consider entering one or more of their creative efforts for this art exhibition. Questions concerning the exhibit should be directed to Chuck McGrew (637-5809).

MISSING

A man's plaid bill hat was missing after church on Sunday, January 5 from the Narthex. If you picked up the wrong hat by mistake, please call the church office. Thank you.

SERVING JANUARY 12

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Mildred Hartman and Bill Johnson

10:45 A.M. Eunice Conrad and Marvin Crouse

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. D. Harter, M. Hutchinson, G. Brown, N. Knappenberger

10:45 A.M. R. Hutchinson, D. Kreischer, L. Brey, S. Brey, D. Mey, R. Moll, S. Murray, C. Murray

USHERS

8:15 A.M. J. Ott, M. Hartman, M. Hutchinson

10:45 A.M. C. McGrew, S. Brey, H. Nordblom, D.J. Rinker

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M. Hutchinson, S. Oden, M. Orr

ACOLYTES

Kaylie Duncan & Jamie Bushey

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Mike & Sue Stow

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Lauren Ewing

10:45 A.M. Charles Murray

BIRTHDAYS JANUARY 14-20

John Roush (14)
Loretta Orr (14)
Jeff Young (15)
Diane Zehr (15)
Mike Mullen (15)
Mike Chapin (15)
Calvin Jones (17)
Phyllis Brickley (18)
David Alexander (19)
Chip Olson (19)
Mark Snyder (20)
Michael Stone (20)

CHURCH CALENDAR

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10

10:00 A.M. Rachel Circle

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

7:30 A.M. Young Adults Ski Trip

9:00 A.M. C.W.F. Executive Board Meeting

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

8:15 A.M. First Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

9:30 A.M. Disciple-Ship Class

10:45 A.M. Second Worship

4:00 P.M. CYF

6:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, JANUARY 13

6:30 P.M. Christian Education Committee

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14

11:30 A.M. Rebecca Circle

7:30 P.M. Board of Trustees

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15

5:15 P.M. Celebrative Ringers/ Youth Handbell Choir

6:15 P.M. Chi Rho

6:15 P.M. Supper for adults & youth

6:30 P.M. Creative Arts

7:00 P.M. Wednesday Night Seminar

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16

5:30 P.M. Personnel Committee

5:30 P.M. Carillon

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

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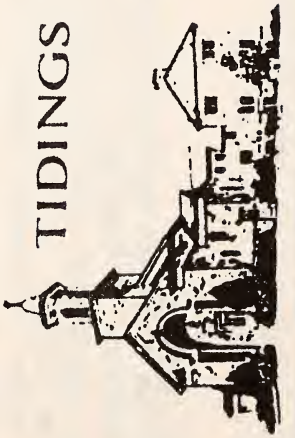

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MARTIN LUTHER KING SERVICE

The annual Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial service will be held at Plymouth Congregational Church, 501 W. Berry St., at 7:00 p.m., Sunday, January 19. Six choirs will be singing, including the Festival Choir which has been a part of these services for 7 years. There are 6 members of First Christian in the choir. (For these, the service will be particularly significant because last summer on tour in Atlanta, the choir was invited to sing impromptu in Ebenezer Baptist Church while they were visiting the Martin Luther King, Jr. historical area of the city). Dr. Clyde Adams, pastor of Union Baptist Church, will be the speaker. An offering will be received. The congregation and friends are invited to worship, and to remember.

PLEASE NOTE: The church office will be closed on Monday, January 20 in honor of Martin Luther King's birthday.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Margaret & Brian Prechtl transferred their membership to First Christian Church last Sunday. Margaret comes from First United Methodist Church, Plymouth, Michigan. Brian comes from Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Vernon, Connecticut. Their address is: 2924 Hoagland Avenue 46807. Phone: 745-2245. Welcome Margaret & Brian!

Tami Dailey also transferred her membership last Sunday. Tami's address is: 2301 Fairfield Avenue, Apt. 605 46807. Phone: 745-4144. Welcome Tami!

SKIING - LET'S TRY AGAIN

The Young Adults are sponsoring a ski trip up to Timberridge in Kalamazoo, Michigan this Saturday, January 18. Anyone interested in a day of snow skiing is welcome.

We'll leave from the church at 7:30 a.m. and return late that night. Approximate costs are: $20 for lift ticket, $10-$15 for ski rental. Bring a lunch if you want.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SEMINARS - January 15, 22, 29, and February 5 at 7:00 p.m. Topic: study on the history, culture, and religion of the Mideast (Judaism, Christianity, and Islam).

1991 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS may be picked up this Sunday in the Narthex.

JOYS & CONCERNS

Joshua Michael Prechtl was dedicated last Sunday. He is the son of Brian & Margaret Prechtl.

Wanda Howell has gone home from Parkview Hospital.

Cindy Farr is scheduled to go to the IU Med Center in Indianapolis for tests.

THANK YOU

The beautiful Epiphany banners are the handy work of Linda Merrick and Eileen Klepfer's granddaughter, Kristin Byers. Thank you for your "gift" of time and talent.

NEEDED

Additional volunteers are needed to help with the mailing of the Tidings on Wednesday morning (or every other Wednesday morning). Call the church office at 744-3239 if you might be interested in helping with this project. Thank you.

CWF RETREAT - FEBRUARY 21-22

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EXTENDED SESSION

The church continues to provide educational opportunities for young people during the second worship service after the Children's Time.

For children in Kindergarten, Reading Readiness, and 1st grade, there is "extended session" that meets each week in the primary classroom. They are studying New Testament stories this spring, making crafts, and playing games.

For children in 2nd-5th grades, there is a special session that meets once a month on the first Sunday of the month. They are studying a series on TV and the church. They meet with Sam Hayes in the Board room.

For children up to 4 years old, the nursery is available during the worship service.

The church encourages our children to take advantage of these opportunities.

HANDBELL CHOIRS

If there are youth who read music who have not been contacted for the Celebration Ringers who would like to ring, please let Teresa Hatten or Helen Donnell know. With 3 more music-reading ringers, this two octave choir could become a three-octave choir! For those who are not able to read music, we hope to begin a training bell choir for youth and/or adults. Call Helen if you'd like to be in learning choir. Teresa's phone is 447-2649. Helen's is 744-3239 at church and 432-0152 at home.

MISSION STATEMENT

This last Tuesday at our Board of Trustees meeting, the members of the Board took the three areas of emphasis that were reoccurring themes in the home meetings and formed them into a mission statement. If the congregation endorses this statement, this will become our common vision the next three years. Following is the mission statement for your consideration with the emphasis of evangelism, education, and mission. These are expressed through the images of the planting, nurturing and blossoming of the seed.

With God's grace and the help of the Holy Spirit, the vision for the next three years of our congregation is:

1. **To grow deeper in Christian Fellowship by preparing ourselves as fertile soil where seeds of Christ's love can grow and multiply.**
2. **To utilize our resources of scripture and tradition to develop and nurture our commitment to our faith in Jesus Christ.**
3. **To enrich others for deeper growth in their faith so all can know and share the beauty and freshness of God's grace.**

CONGREGATIONAL ART SHOW

ENTRIES ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED for First Christian Church's Art Exhibition, scheduled to begin on Sunday, February 2 and run through Sunday, March 1. The exhibit is open to all members of the congregation age 7 years and above.

ENTRIES:
Each exhibitor is responsible for transporting their work to and from the exhibit area. All flat entries must be properly mounted, matted or framed with a minimum size of 8" x 10". A drawing or a poem are considered flat entries. Paintings and other large flat work must be properly wired for hanging. First Christian Church will not assume any responsibility for loss or damage to work exhibited. Insurance will be provided, but exhibitor discretion is advised.

ART CLASSIFICATIONS:
A. Drawings, paintings, printmaking/graphics
B. Sculpture (table exhibited-check with chair for size and weight limitation)
C. Creative writing (literature, poetry, music-typewritten or hand lettered)
D. Photography (prints, slides, video, movies)
E. Ceramics/Pottery
F. Weaving/Fiber (stitchery, macrame, textiles, basketry)
G. Wood/Leatherwork (where required, these will be displayed on tables)

LIMITATIONS:
No manufactured or kit objects such as samplers, decoupage, ceramics cast from commercially available molds, or the like will be accepted from those aged 15 years and above. Entries must be original art and hand created. Decision of the chairperson will be final.

SALES:
Some may wish to sell their work, but this activity must be conducted between the artist and the buyer. Whether or not the artist wishes to sell their work, the church must have a fair evaluation of each piece for insurance purposes. If a work is sold, it must remain on exhibit until the conclusion of the show.

The exhibition committee urges all members of the congregation with an artistic bent to consider entering one or more of their creative efforts for this art exhibition. Entry forms are on the back of this sheet or you may pick them up from the church office or by telephoning 744-3239.

ALL ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY NOON, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1. All entries must have two entry forms attached to each item entered (i.e., the entry form and the duplicate form). Questions concerning the exhibit should be directed to Chuck McGrew (637-5809).

The office is opened from 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Entries will be received between 9:00 a.m. and noon on Saturday, February 1.

CONGREGATIONAL ART SHOW

"ENTRY FORM"

NAME_____

ADDRESS_____

TITLE OF WORK_____

MEDIUM_____

IS ITEM FOR SALE?_____PRICE_____

IF NOT FOR SALE, LIST VALUE FOR INSURANCE PURPOSES:

VALUE_____

"DUPLICATE ENTRY FORM"

NAME_____

ADDRESS_____

TITLE OF WORK_____

MEDIUM_____

IS ITEM FOR SALE?_____PRICE_____

IF NOT FOR SALE, LIST VALUE FOR INSURANCE PURPOSES:

VALUE_____

FROM HERE TO ZEHR

The first Sunday in January during worship we explored the gifts that we will bring to the Christ Child this year. Last Sunday during worship we celebrated the baptism of Jesus, our baptisms, and how the spirit of God empowers us to do God's ministry. This coming Sunday the congregation will have an opportunity to look at the mission statement that our Board will have put together for the next three years. Each Sunday through January and February we will explore how we can take this mission statement and develop it into a strategy of witness.

If you were not in worship this last Sunday, you missed a beautiful service with a baby dedication and a special duet played by Glenn and Lelo Basham. Glenn is the concert master of the Fort Wayne Philharmonic and Lelo also plays the flute in the orchestra. Each week we will have something exciting and different happening in worship. I hope you will be there to enjoy the diversity and the creativity of the worship that has been prepared for you.

This last Sunday in my sermon I made reference to the importance of the community as we come for support and nurture in our walk with God. You are a very important part of this community and I hope that you will make every effort to be here on Sunday morning so that we can come together for prayer, worship, and praise of our God.

See you Sunday.

Peace,

Jerry

BALL ROOM DANCING

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SERMON PREVIEW

TITLE: OF MIRACLES

SCRIPTURE: John 2:1-11

This scripture tells of the first miracle that Jesus performed at the wedding at Cana of Galilee. What was the actual miracle that happened in this story? Do miracles occur today? How can we participate in the making of miracles in our time?

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

On Wednesday evenings from 6:00 - 6:30 p.m., a supper will be provided for all those people attending activities that evening. It will start on January 8. For youth attending choirs or youth group, for adults attending Christian Education seminars, for parents who are running their kids back and forth, this meal will be available for your convenience and for fellowship. We ask for a $1.00 donation to help with the cost.

ALL CHURCH BIRTHDAY DINNER, SUNDAY JANUARY 26

You are invited to attend the All Church Birthday Dinner on Sunday, January 26. Rolls, drinks, and cake will be furnished. Please bring one dish of the following: salads, vegetables, or a meat casserole. You will sit with other folks who celebrate their birthday the same month as you. Call the church office at 744-3239 to sign up or you may sign up this Sunday in church.

CO-ED VOLLEYBALL - EVERY SUNDAY, 1:30 - 3:00 P.M.

We will begin playing volleyball every Sunday at Lincolnshire Church of the Brethren - just 1 mile south of us on Calhoun Street. Bring $2.00 to pay for the cost of the gym. This is not league play, so bring a friend, especially someone who isn't going to church any where. It's a great way to get people connected to the church.

SEARCH COMMITTEE

The Lay Leadership Committee is putting together the Search Committee for the Minister of Education position. If there is anyone who is interested in being on the Search Committee or have a name of recommendation, you may give that to Rev. Zehr or Eileen Klepfer.

SERVING JANUARY 19

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Bob Hendricks and Delores Keebortz

10:45 A.M. Don Oden and Kris Ohneck

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. K. Blocher, B. Hendricks, T. Knuckles, C. Davis

10:45 A.M. M. Mullen, S. Oden, M. Orr, M. Quick, E. Rieke, M. Rieke, D. Rinker, E. Yeoman

USHERS

8:15 A.M. J. Ott, J. Young, L. Merrick

10:45 A.M. C. McGrew, J. Ohneck, E. Nordblom, H. Banet

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

J. Weicker - S. Murray
D. Keebortz - C. Hatten
T. Walsh - C. Davis
B. Hendricks - D. Kreischer

COMMUNION PREPARATION

G. Brown, T. Knuckles. E. Yeoman

ACOLYTES

Holly Falbe & Kristen Geroff

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

M. Hutchinson & M. Hartman

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Charles Ewing

10:45 A.M. Lindsay Miller

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18

7:30 A.M. Young Adults Ski Trip

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
9:30 A.M. Disciple-Ship Class
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
1:30 P.M. Volleyball at Lincolnshire
6:15 P.M. Prayer Service
7:00 P.M. Martin Luther King Service at Plymouth Congregational

MONDAY, JANUARY 20

Office Closed in observance of Martin Luther King's Birthday

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21

7:00 P.M. Sarah Circle

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22

5:15 P.M. Celebrative Ringers/ Youth Handbell Choir
6:00-6:30 P.M. Supper for adults and youth
6:15 P.M. Chi Rho
6:30 P.M. Creative Arts
7:00 P.M. Wednesday Night Seminar

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23

5:30 P.M. Carillon
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

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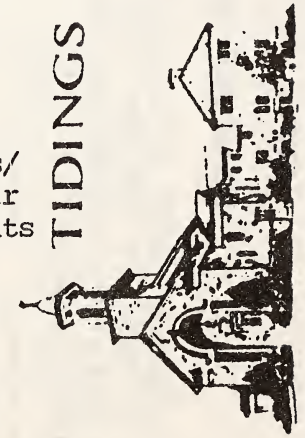

BIRTHDAYS JANUARY 21-27

James Plummer (21)
Daniel Auer (21)
Jim Bushey (21)
Heath Hudlow (21)
Charles Ewing (22)
Gladys Hoop (23)
Delores Keebortz (23)
Mimi Westerfield (24)
Sally Rudy (25)
Dorothy Schmidt (25)
Janet Weicker (25)
Marilyn Rieke (25)
Linda Stover (25)
Dorothy Green (27)
Karen Bushey (27)

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LAITY SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, THIS SUNDAY

One of the highlights of planning for the year in the Christian Church is Laity Sunday, when ministers give over their responsibilities in the worship service to lay people. We are so pleased that Tom Walsh will be the preacher. He has chosen John 15:1-13 as his text and will be speaking about "The Joy of Giving Up". The Chancel Choir will sing a portion of the text. Others will be taking the different parts of the service. We invite you to bring friends to worship with us on this special Sunday.

Tom and his wife Jane and children, Mike (18) and Kelly (15) have been members of First Christian since the spring of 1987. Tom serves as an Elder and Jane has been active in the Chancel Choir, the bell choir, and Creative Arts. Tom received his Masters Degree in Physical Education and Administration from N.E. Louisiana University. He is the Women's Athletic Director at St. Francis College. Jane is Executive Coordinator in Research and Development at Power Wheels, Inc.

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GATHERING PLACE

The Gathering Place will resume at its normal time and place (9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary) this coming Sunday. The Christian Education committee will continue to evaluate this event. If you have feedback, please see Ralph Church, Bill Franklin, or Jim Grimshaw.

CYF - THIS SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 3:00 P.M.

CYF is going to go bowling this Sunday, January 26. Meet at the church at 3:00 p.m. We will be back at the church by 5:30 p.m.

Bring $2.50 to cover the cost of bowling and shoes.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SEMINARS - January 22, 29, and February 5 at 7:00 p.m. Topic: study on the history, culture, and religion of the Mideast (Judaism, Christianity, and Islam). Child care provided.

FROM HERE TO ZEHR

Over the past 20 years there has been a shift in people's understanding of the purpose of the church. In the 60's we saw the church as a prophetic voice challenging society for equality and justice for all people. The church was in a pro-active state of ministering outside its doors. As our society became dissolutioned with Vietnam, Watergate, and the realization that all our efforts for everyone's civil rights did not become a reality we began to withdraw within ourselves. What's the use of trying? We can't make any changes? "We can't trust anyone in the traditional institutions". The church was influenced by these events in our society as well, and the church moved into a passive stage rather than a pro-active stage. Rather than coming to the church to serve God, we came asking what the church could do for us. Rather than coming to seek ways to give something of ourselves to the church, we came waiting for the church to provide for us and when it didn't provide all of those needs, we bailed out. I'm not saying the church shouldn't try to take care of its members, and I realize I have made some sweeping generalizations but in the 70's and 80's I believe the church moved into a passive mode of people coming to church wanting someone to take care of their needs rather than coming to church wanting to give of themselves in service to others and God.

I give these reflections as a way of encouraging us to be a pro-active church. We always have a small group of people doing a lot of the ministry for the congregation, but how can all of the members give something of themselves to God's ministry. Churches have people who have been on the membership rolls for years, but haven't been involved in the church's life until a funeral or crisis that they call the pastor. Let us be "makers of miracles". Let all of us come to worship saying, " how can I participate to make the church's ministry glorify God?"

Last month I got a phone call from someone in the church who called to say he wanted to know what he could do for the church. Now, that is a pro-active member! Let us be makers of miracles in this place of God this day.

See you Sunday.

Peace,

Jerry

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JOYS & CONCERNS

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CHILD CARE IN THE NURSERY

The Christian Education committee would like to thank Tina Hatten for all her work as our child-care giver in the nursery this last year. She has now finished her schooling and has taken a full time job. She will no longer be working in the nursery. We appreciate all her efforts and her care for the children in this congregation!

While we are looking for a new child-care giver, we will be asking for volunteers to work in the nursery on Sunday mornings. If you are interested in helping, please call the church office, or talk to Ralph Church, Jim Grimshaw, or anyone on the Christian Education Committee.

PRAYER SERVICE DISCONTINUED

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PECANS

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SERVING JANUARY 26

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Dick Mory and Jack Weicker

10:45 A.M. Tom Walsh and Bill Franklin

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. Jt. Myers, J. Myers, D. Harter, G. Brown

10:45 A.M. K. Taylor, K. Tobias, J. Walsh, J. Franklin, K. Walsh, S. Brey, L. Brey, L. Bushey

USHERS

8:15 A.M. J. Ott, C. Ewing, E. Snouffer

10:45 A.M. C. McGrew, C. Falbe, D. McEvoy, W. Bowen

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G. Brown, T. Knuckles. E. Yeoman

ACOLYTES

Brian Rinker & Andy Stow

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Sara & George Davis

EXTENDED SESSION LEADER

Laura McFarland

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Bobbi Lindsay

10:45 A.M. Kelly Walsh

BIRTHDAYS JANUARY 28-FEBRUARY 4

William Kerley (28)
Wade Smith (28)
Mike Walsh (28)
Martha Wanner (30)
Kathy Blocher (31)
Bobbi Lindsay (1)
Jim Sands (1)
Anita Fitch (1)
Judy Mey (2)
Patricia Endly (3)
Helen Lobdell (4)
Ruth Yentes (4)
Roger Gross (4)
Wanda Hamm (4)
Eric Mory (4)

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
9:30 A.M. Disciple-Ship Class
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
12:00 NOON All Church Birthday Dinner
1:30 P.M. Volleyball at Lincolnshire
6:15 P.M. Prayer Service
6:30 P.M. Ball Room Dancing

MONDAY, JANUARY 27

4:15 P.M. Jim Grimshaw's PRC

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28

7:00 P.M. Committee Chairs
7:15 P.M. Committees (Lay Leadership & Christian Education will not meet)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29

5:15 P.M. Celebrative Ringers
6:00-6:30 P.M. Supper for adults and youth
6:15 P.M. Chi Rho
6:30 P.M. Creative Arts
7:00 P.M. Wednesday Night Seminar

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30

5:30 P.M. Carillon
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1

9:00 A.M. Set-up for Congregational Art Show

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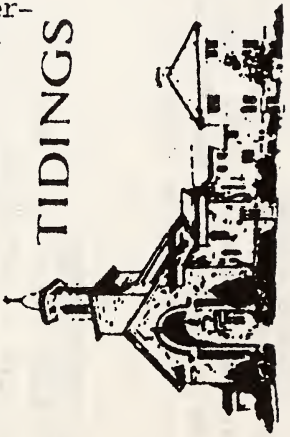

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CONGREGATIONAL ART SHOW BEGINNING THIS SUNDAY

This Saturday, February 1, entries for the Art Show will be received in Fellowship Hall between 9:00 a.m. and noon. Entry forms will be on hand. The exhibit starts this Sunday and will run through the month of February in Fellowship Hall. Stop in and see what our fellow members have done.

YOUNG ADULT PROGRESSIVE DINNER

Young adults come join in on the food, folks, and fun as we embark on a cuisine adventure and Progressive Dinner on Saturday, February 8. We will meet at the church at 5:00 p.m. and carpool to the designated houses. By the end of the evening (9:00 or 10:00), we will have partaken in a four course meal consisting of appetizer, salad, entree, and dessert. We also will have experienced a true feeling of friendship and fellowship.

If you plan on coming, please call the church office so we can get a count. Hope to see you there!

WOMEN'S RETREAT

ATTENTION: ALL WOMEN

The CWF is sponsoring a Retreat at Camp Barbee Friday, February 21 and Saturday, February 22, - 6:00 p.m. Friday to 6:00 p.m. Saturday. Cost: $15.00 per person. Norma Sue White will be speaking on "Faith DEsigns" (spirituality). Contact Kris Ohneck (447-2833) or Sue Brey (447-3540).

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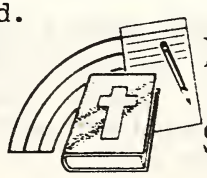

MEN'S BREAKFAST this Saturday, February 1, 8:00 a.m.

FROM HERE TO ZEHR

This Sunday in our worship service we will decide if we want to affirm the mission statement written by our Board. This is a three year emphasis with evangelism (planting the seeds - first year); education (nurturing the seeds - second year); and mission (bearing fruit - third year). The evangelism program would consist of (1) developing a calling program, (2) make our church more visible to the community (media promotion), (3) most importantly - getting the whole church to see evangelism (reaching out - inviting - sharing the Good News) as everyone's opportunity. The main reason people say they never went to church is because "no one ever asked them to come."

I am asking you to come this Sunday. It should be an exciting special service!

Peace,

Jerry

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Mary Piatt is at Riverbend Health Care.

Ruby Mowery is a patient at Lutheran Hospital.

Pauline Snyder broke her ankle and is recovering at home.

PRAYER SERVICE DISCONTINUED

Because of the winter months, the Prayer Service will be discontinued until further notice. Thank you.

LAITY SUNDAY

January 26 was a very special Sunday for First Christian. Preacher, Tom Walsh, spoke about the joy of uniting one's life with Christ. (Some of the choir took a few notes!) His theme was supported by other Lay people: his daughter, Kelly, Bobbi Lindsay, Bill Franklin, Kathy Graham, Pat Mullen, and soloist, Shelley Sendelbach. On behalf of the whole congregation, we thank them all for creating for us a memorable worship experience. We also appreciate Sara Davis filling in at the organ for vacationing Jenny Zimmerman.

THANK YOU

Many thanks to the Fellowship Committee for the happiest of birthday dinners after church last Sunday!

FOR THOSE YOUNG AT HEART BUT CLAIM YOUR SENIOR CITIZEN DISCOUNT AT AZARS:

On Tuesday, March 3, 12:00 noon, I would like to invite everyone who claims their senior citizen discount to come and help form a seniors group. We used to have D.M.A. - Don't Mention Age group in the church but it has deceased. I would like to invite you to come for some fellowship and discussion about having a group for this age range in our church. It will be a pitch-in-lunch. Mark it on your calendar, you will hear more information in February.

SERMON PREVIEW

SERMON TITLE - "Back From the Future"

SCRIPTURE - Jeremiah 1:4-8

What does the Lord mean when he says, (verse 5) "before I formed you in the womb I knew you. I appointed you. Before you were born I consecrated you."

Is God actively involved in the world? Is God seeking us "From a Distance" as Bette Midler sings?

CHILD CARE IN THE NURSERY

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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - FEBRUARY 16, 1992

This will be a short meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary to approve the Search Committee for the other staff person.

BALL ROOM DANCING CLASSES CANCELLED

The Ball Room Dancing classes that were to meet on Sunday evenings have been cancelled due to lack of participation.

PLEASE NOTE

There will no volleyball this coming Sunday, February 2, but will resume again on February 9.

SERVING FEBRUARY 2

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Sam Hayes and Charles Ludwig

10:45 A.M. Curt Miller and Eunice Conrad

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. M. Hutchinson, N. Knappenberger, K. Blocher, B. Hendricks

10:45 A.M. B. Kerley, S. Kerley, B. Glasgow, D. Kreischer, C. Hatten, T. Hatten, R. Hutchinson, J. Hatten

USHERS

8:15 A.M. J. Ott, C. Byrket, C. Davis

10:45 A.M. C.McGrew, D.Kreischer, B. Glasgow, H. Nordblom

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B. Johnson - J. Walsh
P. Mullen - K. Taylor - M. Walsh
K. Graham - M. Orr - J. Hatten
S. Hayes - S. Oden

COMMUNION PREPARATION

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ACOLYTES

Katie Moll & Kaylie Duncan

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

EXTENDED SESSION LEADER

Mike Walsh

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Alison Knappenberger

10:45 A.M. Mike Walsh

Cheri Tobias (11)
Marvin Crouse (11)

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9:00 A.M. Set-up for Congregational Art Show

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
9:30 A.M. Disciple-Ship Class
10:45 A.M. Second Worship

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

5:15 P.M. Celebrative Ringers
6:00-6:30 P.M. Supper for adults and youth
6:15 P.M. Chi Rho
6:30 P.M. Creative Arts
7:00 P.M. Wednesday Night Seminar

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6

5:30 P.M. Carillon
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

5:00 P.M. Young Adults Progressive Dinner

BIRTHDAYS FEBRUARY 5-11
Susan Knuckles (6)
Stan Horine (6)
Anne Moll (7)
Elinor Place (7)
Larry Brey (7)
Ruth Truesdell (8)
Nancy Smith (8)
Betty Harter (9)
Steve White (9)
Sharon Ellis (9)
Kenneth Place (10)

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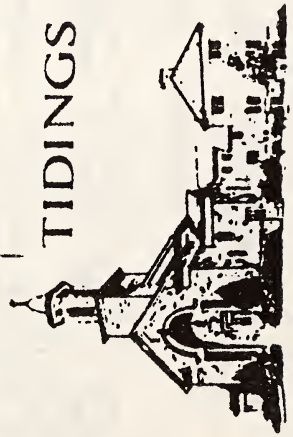

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This last Sunday in our worship service, we as a congregation affirmed our Mission Statement for the next three years.

The first year of emphasis will be one of evangelism in which we as a congregation will make an intentional effort to reach out to our community. There will be at least four ways that you will be able to participate in this all church evangelism program.

1) To be a part of a calling program that will visit people who come to church as visitors.
2) To make phone calls to people who have moved into the city but have not found a church home.
3) To be a part of a prayer covenant team in which you will be praying for the evangelism of our church.
4) By committing yourself to bring a certain number of people to church this next year.

We will set a numerical goal this coming Sunday as a congregation that we might reach towards. The emphasis of this is not to just reach out to the community and bring bodies into this church but to pray through this week on who are the people that need to be a part of this congregation that God will bring them to us as we are open to those possibilities for those empty pews beside us to be filled with people's lives that can be transformed.

See you Sunday.

Peace,

Jerry

P.S. The first month of January we had a good month in which we saw our giving increase from the year before so that we ended the month in the black rather than the red. We made a very specific effort to make our budget consistent with the pledges that were given knowing that if the congregation would be true to the pledges that they committed themselves to we would have a good year for growth and vitality. Our first month was a good one and I wanted to encourage everyone to continue in their stewardship so that they do not get behind in our giving for the church.

SENIOR CITIZEN GROUP

By popular request, a new "You-Name-Us" group is materializing to replace the old now defunct DMA. Focus will be primarily on retirees; however, anyone is welcome. The first get together is scheduled for Tuesday, March 3. A 12:00 noon potluck with coffee, tea and table service furnished. Come with ideas, come without, but COME! Watch the "Tidings" for updates.

BARBEE CAMP WISH LIST

You can make a world of difference if you have some of the following items and they are no longer needed by you. Barbee Christian Camp would be happy to accept any of the following items:

Dump Truck
Row Boat/paddle boat
Utility Trailers
Chairs and stools
Ladders (20 foot ext)
Small Computer
Volleyball Poles & net
Lawn Tractor
Pots/pans
Pickup Truck
Hay Wagon
Outdoor benches
Slide Projector
Large Microwave
Toasters (Commercial)
Large Campfire Kettle
Hand Tools - all types
Clothes Washer & Dryer
Picnic Tables
Freezer(s)
Ice Maker
Ceiling Fans
Golf Cart (4 wheeler)
Copy Machine
TV/VCR

Just call Ron Leonard, Manager, Barbee Christian Camp: 219/834-4190

INDIANA CAMPS AND CONFERENCES - 1992 SCHEDULE

BARBEE CHRISTIAN CAMP

New Beginnings (those entering 3rd & 4th grades).....$ 64.00
June 7-9 and June 11-13

Level I (those entering 5th & 6th grades).....$127.00
June 15-20; July 13-18; & August 10-15

Level II (those entering 7th & 8th grades).....$127.00
June 22-27; June 29-July 4; & July 27-August 1

Level III (those entering 9th - 12th grades).....$138.00
July 5-11 & July 19-25

FAMILY CAMP: SEPTEMBER 4-7

SERMON PREVIEW

SERMON TITLE: GONE FISHING

SCRIPTURE: LUKE 5:1-11

On January 19 we asked the question what is our mission for our church. On January 26, Tom Walsh gave response as a lay person from the congregation as to what our responsibility is as a congregation. This last Sunday we asked the question how were we going to do our task and this was decided by approving our Mission Statement. This week the question will be who is it that's going to make this Mission Statement come into reality.

COMPASSION CHERISHES THE ENVIRONMENT

The environment crisis remains especially acute in Africa. Almost everywhere, the environment has become a major concern. In many countries, fertile soil is being washed away, and poverty is forcing farmers to cut down too many trees.

With help from the Week of Compassion, many farmers have had the satisfaction of seeing small crops growing on terraced fields, despite a drought that left the surrounding areas dry and shriveled. The terraces conserve water and help prevent soil erosion. In areas where farmers have started terracing, yields have doubled.

With help from the Week of Compassion, school children are learning the value of trees and starting "tree nurseries" in the yards of their schools and homes.

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If you would like more information, please see Jim Grimshaw.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - FEBRUARY 16, 1992

This will be a short meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary to approve the Search Committee for the other staff person.

SERVING FEBRUARY 9

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Kathy Graham and Bob Hendricks

10:45 A.M. Dick Vanderwall and Janet Weicker

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. R. Merrick, C. Davis, G. Brown, K. Blocher

10:45 A.M. J. Kelly, B. Kelly, M. Mullen, M. Orr, S. Murray, C. Murray, S. Oden, M. Quick

USHERS

8:15 A.M. J. Ott, M. Hartman, M. Hutchinson

10:45 A.M. C. McGrew, E. Nordblom, D.J. Rinker, J. Ohneck

COMMUNION PREPARATION

D. Kreischer, D. Rinker, C. Davis

ACOLYTES

Jamie Bushey & Holly Falbe

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Edna & Harold Nordblom

EXTENDED SESSION I LEADER

Judy Church

EXTENDED SESSION II LEADER

Sam Hayes

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Charles Ludwig

10:45 A.M. Melissa Orr

BIRTHDAYS CONTINUED -

Edythe Metcalf (16)
Martha Hunt (16)
Karen Doehrman (16)
Jean Sheets (18)

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

5:00 P.M. Young Adults Progressive Dinner

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
1:30 P.M. Volleyball

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

11:30 A.M. Rebecca Circle
7:30 P.M. Board of Trustees

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

5:15 P.M. Celebrative Ringers
6:00-6:30 P.M. Supper for adults and youth
6:15 P.M. Chi Rho
6:30 P.M. Creative Arts

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13

5:30 P.M. Carillon
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14

10:00 A.M. Rachel Circle

SAT., FEB. 15 & SUN., FEB. 16

Marriage Enrichment at Tipton

BIRTHDAYS FEBRUARY 12-18

Bill DeVinney (12)
Charles McGrew (12)
Chris McDougle (12)
Virgil Buchanan (13)
Kevin Tobias (13)
Clarence Bozarth (14)
Merle Grimm (14)
Robert Neal (14)
Sara Glasgow (14)
Charles Hatten (15)

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COMPASSION PREVENTS HUNGER IN AFRICA

In the Horn of Africa, the lethal mix of drought and war results in desperate suffering. The Week of Compassion continues to respond by helping supply food in Ethiopia and Sudan.

But food aid is always a last resort. From Gambia to Mozambique, Week of Compassion assists food production programs, supporting cereal banks, seeds, oxen, tools, terracing and water-conservation projects.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - THIS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1992

This will be a short meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary to approve the Search Committee for the other staff person.

WOMEN'S RETREAT

ATTENTION: ALL WOMEN

The CWF is sponsoring a Retreat at Camp Barbee Friday, February 21 and Saturday, February 22, - 6:00 p.m. Friday to 6:00 p.m. Saturday. Cost: $15.00 per person. Norma Sue White will be speaking on "Faith Designs" (spirituality). Contact Kris Ohneck (447-2833) or Sue Brey (447-3540).

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SEMINARS

The Wednesday Night Seminars will resume on Wednesday, February 19 and February 26 with Doug McClurg.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION committee will meet on Monday, February 17, 1992 at 6:30 p.m.

JOYS & CONCERNS

Lou Simmons is at Riverbend Health Care Center.

Kenneth Johnston has gone home from the hospital.

Cindy Fann is going back to Indianapolis this week for more tests.

Evelyn Kanczuzewski is a patient at Lutheran Hospital.

REMINDER: CANDIDATE MENTOR PROGRAM

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PLEASE NOTE

Dr. Dale Bishop will be visiting Fort Wayne on February 22. Dr. Bishop is Secretary for the Middle East of the Christian Church and United Church of Christ. He is very well informed on this critical part of the world and will bring a Christian perspective to bear on events there. He is a frequent visitor to the Middle East; he testified before the Senate Foreign Affairs Committee as it was debating American responses to the Persian Gulf crisis last year. (continued next column)

Dr. Bishop will speak on Saturday evening, **February 22, at 7:30 p.m. at Plymouth Church.** This is one of our ministries we support with our outreach dollars. We hope some people from our congregation will be able to attend.

WHITE WATER RAFTING

In February? No, but a few of our young adults are already making plans to go rafting October 9, 10, 11, 1992 in West Virginia. If you're interested, contact Jill Downs right away: 422-8161 (home), 745-5449 (work).

CWF NEWS

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March 30 - AREA I BOARD MEETING - 6:00 p.m. First Christian Church CWF Women Serve Luncheon.

BIRTHDAYS FEBRUARY 19-25

Don Crouse (19)
Florence Huddleston (20)
Richard Merrick (20)
Heather Chapin (20)
Walter Bowen (22)
Steve Hall (22)
Susan Rousseau (23)
Roger Moll (25)
Dan Church (25)
Eunice Conrad (25)

FROM HERE TO ZEHR

This last Sunday we began the first part of our mission statement with our emphasis on the evangelism of the church. We had 18 people sign up to be a part of our calling program to visitors, 23 people agreed to make phone calls to people moving into the community, 22 people agreed to be a part of our prayer team and 22 people agreed to invite 103 people to church in the year 1992. What a great response! This Sunday we will have the response sheets in the bulletin to give people who were not here last Sunday, a chance to participate.

The choir sang a great anthem and the children's choir was really beautiful. Each Sunday something special is happening, so you don't want to miss.

Peace,

Jerry

SERMON PREVIEW

SERMON TITLE: TURNING THE WORLD UPSIDE-DOWN

SCRIPTURE: LUKE 6:17-26

In the past month, we have talked about WHAT our mission is, HOW we are going to approach that mission, and WHO is called to make the mission a reality. These next two weeks we'll discuss the question: WHO IN THE WORLD this mission is for. This week we'll focus on those outside our community. Next week we'll focus on those in our own community.

As we prepare for this week, read the scripture and ask yourself who it is we are called to minister to. You might also ask how the poor, the hungry, those who weep, and those who are excluded can be called blessed.

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10:45 A.M. E. Rieke, M. Rieke, M. Smith, K. Taylor, D. Mey, D. Rinker, E. Yeoman, K. Tobias

USHERS

8:15 A.M. J. Ott, J. Young, L. Merrick

10:45 A.M. C. McGrew, S. Brey, H. Banet, C. Falbe

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

E. Conrad - K. Tobias
C. Ludwig - L. Brey
Jt. Weicker - M. Orr
D. Vanderwall - M. Mullen

COMMUNION PREPARATION

L. Bushey, Kerleys', R. Merrick

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1:30 P.M. Volleyball

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17

6:30 P.M. Christian Education Committee

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

7:00 P.M. Sarah Circle

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

5:15 P.M. Celebrative Ringers
6:00-6:30 P.M. Supper for adults and youth
6:15 P.M. Chi Rho
6:30 P.M. Creative Arts
7:00 P.M. Wednesday Night Seminar

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20

5:30 P.M. Carillon
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

FRI.FEB. 21 & SAT., FEB. 22

Retreat for all women at Camp Barbee

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

10:30 A.M. Guides for Mentor Program meeting

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STRINGS & STARS
SPAGHETTI SUPPER & TALENT SHOW
MARCH 22 - 5:30 P.M.
COST: $5.00/ADULTS - $3.00/CHILDREN

Do you have a joke to tell? A song to sing? An impression to give? A poem to read? Any talent is welcomed for our first **STRINGS & STARS** evening. The Chi Rho youth group will be preparing the supper and inviting members of the congregation to be the show! You may sign up with your talent in fellowship hall or reserve a spot by calling the church office. Tickets will go on sale this Sunday during coffee hour in fellowship hall or call in to the church office and make your dinner reservations. The proceeds will go to the Chi Rho youth group to help them raise money for a summer work trip. They are going to one of our N.B.A. homes this summer to paint and refurbish.

S.E.E.D. PROGRAM
SERVICE, EVANGELISM, EDUCATION, DISCIPLING

On March 2, Monday evening - 7:00 P.M. those people who signed up to be part of our phone calling team will meet to set up their schedule. At 7:30 p.m. the people who agreed to contact visitors will meet at the church to plan a schedule for calling. We will go through training on making "screen door calls." We hope for a good turn out so we can get our program off to a good start!

FOR THOSE WHO ARE YOUNG AT HEART BUT
DON'T WANT TO MENTION THEIR AGE!
MARCH 3 - 12:00 NOON
PITCH-IN LUNCH

We are wanting to begin a seniors program in our church. Come, eat, bring some ideas and enjoy the fellowship. Rev. Zehr will give a magic show. He says he can't make money appear or weight disappear but he will have some other tricks up his sleeve.

AT THE CONGREGATION MEETING LAST SUNDAY the following people were chosen to serve on the Search Committee for the other staff person: George Davis, Becky Glasgow, Donna McEvoy, Laura McFarland, Dick Mory, Marilyn Rieke, Ken Taylor, Wes Westerfield, and Sandy Zimmerman.

FROM HERE TO ZEHR

This last weekend there were 18 from our church who went to the St. Joseph Conference Center for a Marriage Enrichment weekend. It was a powerful weekend in which we laughed together, enjoyed each other companies, had time with our spouse, had individual time for personal reflection, and looked at how we can enrich our marriage with our spouse. One of the most positive responses from the couples in the experience was when they had time to pray together. Some of us will take time to pray individually but how many of us will take time to pray with our spouse about concerns and joys and the issues of our day? There is a third partner in our marriage which is God. If we allow God to be a part of our relationship it can enhance and strengthen our lives. I would encourage you to tap into this source and let God be a part of your relationship with a loved one and that you might take time not just to talk about the issues of the day but to spend some time in prayer; praying for each other and being open to God's sprit that will strengthen our bonds of love.

Love,

Jerry

P.S. I feel the experience was great, especially the hearts game! I don't say this just because I won, but because I felt loved for my winning! (inside joke).

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MEETING FOR MENTORS - THIS SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 10:30 - 11:30 A.M.

SERMON PREVIEW

SERMON TITLE: ONE MILLION DOLLAR REWARD

SCRIPTURE: LUKE 6:27-38

Jesus speaks to the disciples about caring for others for a sense of reward and a credit that is due to us. Does God only love those who love God? What type of reward do we receive for caring and loving others? Is there a reward in heaven for our work on earth? What does Jesus mean when he says in verse 38 - "for the measure you give will be the measure you get back"?

JOYS & CONCERNS

Evelyn Kanczuzewski remains a patient at Lutheran Hospital.

Rocky Baugher also is a patient at Lutheran Hospital.

Congratulations to Dick and Judy Mey in the birth of a new grandson on February 10. Dick's son, Richard, and wife Leslie, are the proud parents!

CO-ED VOLLEYBALL will meet this Sunday at 1:30 p.m. for our open play.

March 1 - the CYF (high school youth group) has challenged members of the congregation to a match! This should be a fun day! 1:30 - Be there! Lincolnshire Church of the Brethren, 6404 S. Calhoun Street.

SEMINAR ON HUMAN SEXUALITY

We continue to try to better understand the many issues surrounding human sexuality. One of these issues is homosexuality. The "Center for Homophobia Education" is holding a series of seminars in Indiana on "Homophobia in Religion and Society." There will be a seminar in Fort Wayne on Wednesday, April 8 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation. The cost is $35.00 at the door. If you would like more information about this seminar, please contact Jim Grimshaw.

MARK THESE UPCOMING DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR.....

March 16 - The Gathering of Men - 7:00 p.m. here at the church. All men are invited to explore our spirituality and masculinity.

March 18 - Dr. William Nichols, General Minister and President will be in Fort Wayne for an area worship service and open forum - 6:45 p.m. North Christian Church.

March 20, 21, & 22 - the CYF High School Regional Youth Assembly.

March 27 & 28 - Elders Retreat - Barbee Christian Camp.

SERVING FEBRUARY 23

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Mildred Hartman and Bill Crouse

10:45 A.M. Kris Ohneck and Marvin Crouse

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. G. Brown, N. Knappenberger, K. Blocher, B. Hendricks

10:45 A.M. J. Walsh, M. Walsh, J. Franklin, R. Stover, S. Brey, L. Brey, L. Bushey, B. Glasgow

USHERS

8:15 A.M. J. Ott, C. Ewing, E. Snouffer

10:45 A.M. C. McGrew, D. McEvoy, W. Bowen, B. Glasgow

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L. Bushey, Kerleys', R. Merrick

ACOLYTES

Andy Stow & Katie Moll

EXTENDED SESSION LEADER

Laura McFarland

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Bill Johnson

10:45 A.M. Barbara Hayes

BIRTHDAYS FEBRUARY 26-MARCH 4

Everett Ehresman (26)
Bill Chappell (26)
Cathy Katt (26)
Tim Briggs (28)
Carl Linn (1)
Buefond Tharp (1)
Barbara Busse (1)
Jenny Zimmerman (1)
Frank Moody (2)
Lee Baugher (2)
Tom Walsh (4)
Joe Snouffer (4)
Jim Davis (4)

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

10:30 A.M. Guides for Mentor Program Meeting

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
1:30 P.M. Volleyball at Lincolnshire Church of the Brethren

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24

12:30 P.M. F.W. Retired Teacher's Association in F.H.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

7:00 P.M. Committee Chairs
7:15 P.M. Committees (Christian Education will not meet)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

5:15 P.M. Celebrative Ringers
6:00-6:30 P.M. Supper for adults and youth
6:15 P.M. Chi Rho
6:30 P.M. Creative Arts
7:00 P.M. Wednesday Night Seminar

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

5:30 P.M. Carillon
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29

9:00 A.M. Guides & Candidates Meeting

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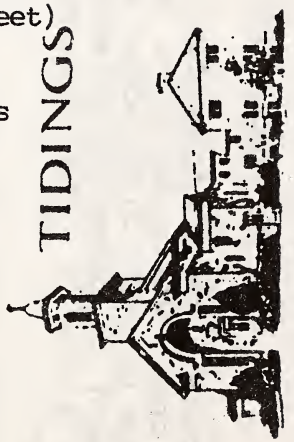

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LENT BEGINS - MARCH 4

Lent is a time of forty days before Easter in which christians come to God in self-examination, fasting, repentance, prayer, and concentration upon our baptismal covenant. Many christians during Lent will take a self-discipline of fasting or a specific time of prayer or reading the Bible through these forty days as a way of preparing ourselves for Easter. Some traditions encourage people to give up a part of their routine to make space for God in their lives whether it is giving up a meal, giving up a certain amount of time that we watch T.V., giving up a certain habit that we don't especially like as a way of sacrifice and opening ourself to God's presence during this time.

Everyone in our congregation has received a lenten booklet of prayers and devotions that we would encourage you to use for your own daily devotional time in the next forty days.

There will be a special Wednesday night seminar for those who desire to explore their personal faith in a deeper way.

Each Sunday during Lent we will be focusing on a different discipline of the christian faith that we might use to develop a stronger relationship with God.

The main emphasis of Lent is one of self-examination and exploring those parts of ourselves that we keep from God and that we might let God work in a fuller way in our lives.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE - MARCH 4, 7:00 P.M.

SUPPER - 6:00 P.M.

On Wednesday, March 4 we invite members of the congregation to come for a light supper at 6:00 p.m. and then move to the sanctuary for a short service of reflection and participation in the beginning of Lent.

Rev. Zehr will have a short meditation. There will be the opportunity for those to participate in the placing of ashes upon the forehead as a sign of mortality and penitence. The imposition of ashes is a powerful, non-verbal, an experiential way of participating in the call to repentance and reconciliation.

Joyce Rouwens, violist with the Philharmonic Orchestra, and Sara Davis will be sharing with us in music for this service. The service will conclude with communion together as we begin our journey through Lent.

FROM HERE TO ZEHR

For the past two months we have been developing the direction of our church for the next three years. In the first of January I preached on the scripture on the story of Jesus turning water into wine and how we can be makers of miracles as we explored our sense of purpose as a congregation.

February 2 we approved a Mission Statement. We heard the word of God spoken through the prophet Jeremiah who God called to speak God's word to his community and for us to speak God's word to our community.

February 9 we examined the Luke scripture of Jesus and the disciples in their frustration with fishing and Jesus calls them to be fishers of men and women as Jesus calls us to be fishers of men and women.

On February 16 Jim Grimshaw lifted up our Week of Compassion and our call to reach out to the larger church in the world.

This last Sunday, February 23, we heard the gospel of Luke, chapter 6, verses 27-38, proclaimed as Jesus calls us to love our enemies and those who are different than us as we minister to our community.

This week concludes this series from the beginning of January as we have explored our sense of purpose and who we will minister to. This Sunday we will lift up who will go with us. Who is it that goes with us in our ministry?

See you Sunday!

Peace,
Jerry

JOYS & CONCERNS

Rocky Baugher has gone home from Lutheran Hospital.

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REMINDER:

CANDIDATES/MENTORS/PARENTS meeting this Saturday, February 29, 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.

BIRTHDAYS MARCH 5-11

Benjamin McCarel(5) Bob Orr (7)
Cora Ann Harnish(7)Jerry Warner(8)
Jane Fisher (7) Kathleen Simon(10)

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Name

OPPORTUNITY TO BE A HOST FAMILY

Unfortunately, most of us do not get a chance to go to Japan

but

this next summer, some of Japan will come to Indiana

Fifteen high school and junior high college students from the Tokyo area will be spending three weeks in the Indiana region from July 28 to August 18, 1992.

These students (ages 17-20) from the Historic Disciple School, Seigakuin, will be living with disciple families as they practice their english and learn more about american life in a christian setting.

Families are presently being recruited for this experience. A small subsidy will be provided for expenses to participating families.

If you are interested in hosting a student, contact: Jeanette Hart, 206 East Poplar Street, Salem, IN 46167. Phone: (812) 883-3484, before March 22.

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S.E.E.D. PROGRAM
SERVICE, EVANGELISM, EDUCATION, DISCIPLING

On March 2, Monday evening - 7:00 P.M. those people who signed up to be part of our phone calling team will meet to set up their schedule. At 7:30 p.m. the people who agreed to contact visitors will meet at the church to plan a schedule for calling. We will go through training on making "screen door calls." We hope for a good turn out so we can get our program off to a good start!

FOR THOSE WHO ARE YOUNG AT HEART BUT
DON'T WANT TO MENTION THEIR AGE!
MARCH 3 - 12:00 NOON
PITCH-IN LUNCH

We are wanting to begin a seniors program in our church. Come, eat, bring some ideas and enjoy the fellowship. Rev. Zehr will give a magic show. He says he can't make money appear or weight disappear but he will have some other tricks up his sleeve.

BOFFOWITZ SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS invites people from the congregation to a five week study led by Rev. Zehr on the characteristics of the christian faith, an overview of the Old and New Testament, and an overview of the christian faith from 325 A.D. to the present time, and the development of the church. This class meets in the fellowship hall at 9:45 a.m. after the Gathering time at 9:30.

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USHERS

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HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

C. Miller - M. Rieke - K. Walsh

K. Ohneck - E. Rieke - M. Smith

M. Hartman - J. Myers

D. Oden - J. Franklin

COMMUNION PREPARATION

M. Mullen, M. Quick, Myers'

ACOLYTES

Kaylie Duncan & Jamie Bushey

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Mike Walsh

EXTENDED SESSION II LEADER

Sam Hayes

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Larry & Sue Brey

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1:30 P.M. Volleyball

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7:30 P.M. Search Committee

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6:30 P.M. Creative Arts

7:00 P.M. ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

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Duet: Jane Walsh, Kathy Nininger

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I hope that you will take advantage of these experiences to deepen your faith in this time of Lent.

See you Sunday!

Peace,
Jerry

ATTENTION: BOYS 11-18years - ADULTS - 18 years & up.....

There has been interest shown in rechartering the Boy Scout Troop here at First Christian. If you are 11-18 and interested in belonging to a troop here or as an adult in helping and working with a troop, please call the church office right away.

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CWF NEWS

MARCH 6 - World Day of Prayer at Plymouth Congregational Church.

SATURDAY, MARCH 7 - 9:00 a.m. - Parlor - CWF General Meeting. PROGRAM: Film and history on "Fellowship of Least Coin" presented by Hazel Allen of Church Women United - Hosted by Naomi Group.

MARCH 30 - AREA I BOARD MEETING - 6:00 p.m. First Christian Church CWF women will serve the meal.

AREA I TO HOST

DR. C. WILLIAM NICHOLS
GENERAL MINISTER AND PRESIDENT
OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 1992

at

NORTH CHRISTIAN CHURCH
(Disciples of Christ)
FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

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Name

A PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

For such a time as this, O God, you have called your church to be at its best:

To be faithful in proclaiming historic truth against the erosion of faith;

To be courageous in our willingness to honor new truth you may show us;

To be quick to see new opportunities, and prompt to respond to new challenges by which we may be your prophetic, redemptive and reconciling presence in the world.

Give us, we pray, the mind of Christ to discern your will for your church in these difficult days.

And give us the resolve of Christ, to bear on our shoulder those crosses of sacrifice which will bring healing and ministry to those who suffer injustice or other evidences of human sinfulness.

Most of all, we pray, give us the heart of Christ, to reach out compassionately to those sisters and brothers – far away and near at hand – who are as much loved by you as we are.

We pray for the peace that passes all understanding to conquer our restless and rebellious hearts. Help us always to remember that the church is yours – not ours – and that if your gracious spirit governs the church, that spirit will bear in us the fruit of love, joy and peace.

As we seek to bear in the life of our church the marks of Christ, help us to remember his word: "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Unite us in our common commitment to the lordship of Jesus Christ, that what the world sees in us is not division or discord, but our magnificent obsession to allow all that we are and have, to glorify him and fulfill your will, here and everywhere.

Come, Lord Jesus; guide, empower and hold our church to your heart. We pray in your blessed name. Amen.

C. William Nichols
General Minister and President
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

(December 1991)

A PASTORAL LETTER

FROM THE GENERAL MINISTER AND PRESIDENT

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Dear Disciples:

As the first act of my new ministry among you, I have called upon the church to enter a season of prayer between now and Easter.

I have deeply appreciated the hundreds of expressions from persons in the church, promising the support of prayer as I begin this challenging work to which you and, I believe, God called me. I promise to give to Christ and the church the fullest commitment of which I am capable. To you I pledge the maximum application of whatever gifts God has given me, to help us enter joyfully and victoriously the glorious and exciting future which I believe God has set before us.

To guide our congregations and individuals in the fulfillment of your covenant of prayer, I am offering the accompanying "PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH." I encourage its use in your Sunday morning worship service, with fellowship groups and in your personal prayer time. Feel free to copy and share it with others.

In the next few months, such prayers for the church, written by well-known and respected Disciples leaders, will be printed in The Disciple for similar use. Please watch for them and use them in the worship services of the church.

I join you in this covenant, and assure you of my daily prayers for every manifestation of the church. May all of us who constitute the Christian Church be led by God's spirit, and equipped and empowered to be the church — in every good sense of that word — where we are and everywhere in the world the church reaches.

And may God love you, every one!

C. William Nichols

SERMON PREVIEW

SERMON TITLE: Obedience is Amen-able

SCRIPTURE: Luke 4:1-13

This is the story of Jesus going into the wilderness for 40 days being tempted by the devil. What were the temptations that Jesus experienced? Are these different temptations than we experience in our lives? How was Jesus able to resist these temptations? How are we able to resist the temptations of the world and to be faithful to God?

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The following awards were given: Best spike - Matt; Best serve - Jessica; Most appropriately dressed - Brandon; Best original hit - Dan; Best effort - Mike; Best pop drinkers, award givers, photographers, and cheerleaders - Sara and Lindsay; Best cookie eater - Mike; Best effort for a block - Dan; Happiest - Jessica; Best front line player - Brandon; Best back line player - Matt!

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES will meet on Tuesday, March 10, 1992 at 7:30 p.m.

SERVING MARCH 8

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Dick Mory and Charles Ludwig

10:45 A.M. Curt Miller and Pat Mullen

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11:30 A.M. Rebecca Circle

7:30 P.M. Board of Trustees

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6:00 P.M. Supper

6:30 P.M. Chi Rho

6:30 P.M. Creative Arts

6:30 P.M. Lenten Seminar

THURSDAY, MARCH 12

5:30 P.M. Carillon

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

BIRTHDAYS MARCH 12-18

Florence Palmer (12)
Jean Chappell (12)
Kevin Mory (12)
Scott Wright (12)
Mark Zimmerman (12)
Mike Akers (15)
Carole Overmyer (15)
Stephen Ludwig (15)
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NORTH CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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We had our first meeting with the callers last week with a good group of people who came excited about the church. I want to thank Judy Church and the Evangelism Committee for their helping to organize this event.

This last week our Senior's met for the first time to organize and create a program that those who are free during the day might come and be a part of the fellowship. This group will continue with the name D.M.A. (Don't Mention Age). We will meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 12:00 noon for a pitch-in and program. We had over thirty people in attendance and there was a lot of energy and excitement for this group to be a part of this church. The next meeting will be April 7, 12:00 noon. I hope you will be a part of this group if you are free during that time.

Finally, I want to encourage each of you to keep up with your discipline of giving through Lent. We started out in January with a good response from people in our tithes, and we need your giving and commitment to the church to help provide the program and ministry that we are striving to give.

This last Sunday, my them was on the Lenten Disciplin Obedience, and part of obedienc is saying Amen to God! I hop that you will put God first i your life and say Amen to God i your stewardship to the church.

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Many, many thanks to Kir Spencer for doing double dut last Sunday. He sang scripture from the book o Deuteronomy in the style of Jewish Cantor, and also directe the choir in Helen's absence We are very grateful for hi willingness to lead in worshi in these ways, and for hi special musical gifts.

CALLING TEAM FOR 3-15-92
Team 1 - Pat Mullen, Rose-
mary Krull
Team 2 - Mildred Hartman,
Mildred Hutchinson

The Best Table in the House.

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The children in Creative Arts (and especially Helen!), appreciate Ellen Duncan's being our craft teacher for January and February. We had a great time making stained glass windows and banners. Thank you, Ellen.

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7:30 P.M. Search Committee

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Clara Wells (19)
Ruby Mowery (20)
Pauline Auer (20)
Bill Halbrook (21)
Lou Simmons (22)
Tom Banet (22)

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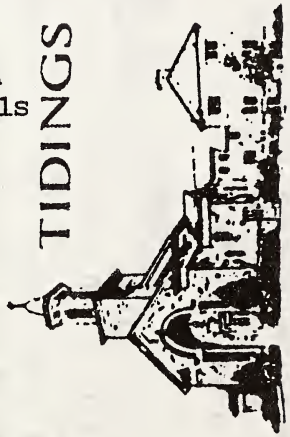

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FROM HERE TO ZEHR

As part of our Lenten season of prayer our General Minister and President, C. William Nichols and Marilyn Moffett our Moderator, will be hosting a live televent on March 29. This will be the first time that our General Minister and President has spoken to the larger Church across our nation in one satellite link. There will be a time for people to call in to an 800 number and ask questions and to have an opportunity to hear the vision that Bill Nichols has for our denomination. I hope you will make time on Sunday, March 29 at 6:00 p.m. to watch this conversation on Channel 10, or to tape it if you are going to be gone.

I look forward to being with you in worship this coming Sunday as we continue in this time of Lent.

Peace,

Jerry

BIRTHDAYS MARCH 26-APRIL 1
Ed Hall (27)
Lelia Arnos (28)
James Buchanan (28)
Linda Hendrickson (28)
Sylvia Smith (29)
Connie Wells (30)
Pam Akers (30
Chris Murray T30)
Gladys Harshbarger (1)
Paul Yentes (1)
Adam Falbe (1)

Welcome New Member

On Sunday, March 8, Laura Curtis transferred her membership to FCC. Her address is: 1302 Capitol; Phone - 744-6101. Welcome Laura!

JOYS & CONCERNS

Margaret Snouffer is a patient at Lutheran Hospital.

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THANK YOU'S

We wish to thank all those who sent cards and for the flowers in the recent death of John's mother.

John & Julie Perry

I wish to thank Jenny and all from First Christian Church for their calls and cards while I was in the hospital.

Ruby Mowery

We would like to thank everyone for their concern and prayers while Bailey was ill and in the hospital. Also, we'd like to thank the church for it's contribution toward the hospital bill. Fortunately, she is home and much better now.

Jane, Mike, & Bailey Vorndran

CWF NEWS

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REMINDER: CANDIDATE MENTOR PROGRAM

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Join Us for

A Live Televent Via Satellite

a churchwide time for Conversation and Prayer

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"In each pastorate I've been in, I've called on the homes of every member in the first year," said Nichols, who assumed his new role as GMP last October. "Staying in touch with people is so important. And this is the closest approach we have for doing that."

Four in-coming lines accessible by an 800 number will be available for participants to call in their questions, said the Disciples chief executive. Questions not addressed on-air will be answered by letter, he added.

Though the special emphasis is to conclude at Easter "I hope the prayers for the church will continue," Nichols said.

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PARTNERS IN CREATION

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WHY GO TO CAMP?

Camping is simple and basic outdoor living. It attempts to bring the camper into first-hand experience with nature, people, and through them, God.

Camping removes persons from their normal living patterns; it offers a change from regular life pressures and at the same time new challenges and adventure. For many, this adventure is spelled f-u-n! New places, new friends and new ideas make room for fresh discovery---and again, for free-flowing fun.

Camps provide excellent educational settings. In camp, learning can be continuous and free from the many interruptions faced in daily life. The camp program surrounds a series of experiences that flow into one another and that build upon each other. Best use can be made of the rich resources of the environment and people involved.

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Team II - Betty Grimm & Tami Dailey

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COMMITTEES will meet on Tuesday, March 24. Committee chairs will meet at 7:00 p.m. and the Committees will meet at 7:30 p.m.

SERMON PREVIEW - LENTEN DISCIPLINE - SELF-EXAMINATION

SERMON: DENIAL IS NOT A RIVER IN EGYPT

SCRIPTURE: LUKE 13:1-9

Jesus tells a parable of a man who had a fig tree that did not bear fruit and the vine dresser asked if he would care for it for a year and if it would bear fruit it would be well and good, but if not then the man could cut it down.

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TUESDAY, MARCH 24

7:00 P.M. Committee Chairs

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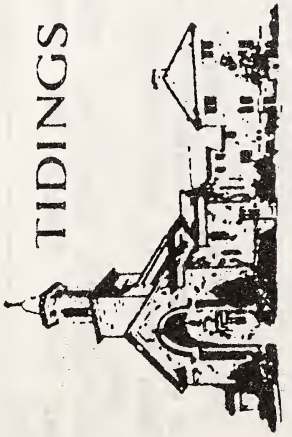

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GENERAL MINISTER & PRESIDENT

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6:00 - 7:00 P.M.

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VISITORS & FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH

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STRINGS & STARS - GREAT TIME FOR ALL! SEE REV. ZEHR'S ARTICLE.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES - April 14, 1992 - 7:30 P.M.

FROM HERE TO ZEHR

Accordion players, magic acts, people telling jokes, stories of bears, big band music! These were some of the acts last Sunday evening at our first annual (hopefully) Talent Show! I never knew we had such talent! The event raised over $416.00 for the Chi Rho Youth work trip this summer. Speaking of the youth, I was so impressed with how hard they worked. They were there in white shirts and ties ready to serve their customers. I think they really enjoyed it! The Glenn Miller Band provided great music during dinner, and then we had the show!

We need to give a big thank you to Donna McEvoy, Leo Heimann, Molly & Graham Baughman, Jennifer & Dan Mounsey. The Chi Rho sponsors really did a great job cooking, cleaning, and organizing the youth!

Well, till next year - start planning your talent! I'll work on a couple of new impressions.

Peace,

Jerry

P.S. The young adults did a skit, with a take off on the Good Samaritan with the main character being Zehr the Terror. I found out who wrote the script, so I know who is responsible - Jim Grimshaw!

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Let's try not to think of church camp this summer as just another event to choose from, but as a tool for our youth to build spiritual foundations for life. Church Camp isn't just an event....it's a future!

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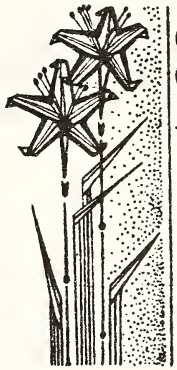

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SOFTBALL

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Thanks,
Scott Miller

PRAYER CHAIN

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THERE WILL BE NO CREATIVE ARTS, CELEBRATION RINGERS, OR CHI RHO NEXT WEEK ON APRIL 1.

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TO: MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Jerry Zimmerman will have served as our organist for 20 years this coming April 12. I invite you to send a gift of money as an expression of our appreciation for his gifts of ministry that he has offered in this congregation over the past 20 years.

Jerry has prepared each week music that coordinates with the flow of the worship service and the theme of the ministers' sermons. We have deeply appreciated his commitment to this church and the beautiful music that he has brought to us.

We will collect the gifts of money that you send in and give them as one gift on Palm Sunday, April 12 as an expression of the churches thankfulness for his ministry over the past 20 years.

If you have any questions about this, please feel free to call.

Peace,

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SERMON PREVIEW

SERMON TITLE: WHERE IS GOD WHEN YOUR LIFE'S STATEMENT SAYS

INSUFFICIENT FUNDS?

SCRIPTURE: Luke 15:1-3;11-32

This is a story of a father and two sons and the father's response to the younger son leaving home. As you read this story, which character do you identify with? Are you surprised by the reaction of the father? Are you surprised by the reaction of the older son? Can you relate to the struggle of the younger son leaving home and then coming back to his father again?

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LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Dick Mory

10:45 A.M. Linda Stover

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SUNDAY, MARCH 29

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9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Second Worship

12:00 NOON Search Committee/ Lunch

1:30 P.M. Volleyball

6:00 P.M. Dr. Nichols Televent/Channel 10

7:00 P.M. Festival Choir at Waynedale Methodist

MONDAY, MARCH 30

6:00 P.M. Area I Board at FCC

TUESDAY, MARCH 31

7:30 P.M. Rehearsal for Maundy Thursday Service

THURSDAY, APRIL 2

9:30 A.M. Naomi Circle

5:30 P.M. Carillon

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

BIRTHDAYS APRIL 2-8

Leo Heimann (2)

Marlo Quick (2)

Michael Stow (2)

Sylvia Engle (3)

Wes Westerfield (4)

Anne Shirley (5)

Genevieve Ripple (6)

Reba Fusselman (6)

Scott Keebortz (6)

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FROM HERE TO ZEHR

As a Search Committee has been formed and is now in the middle of the process of bringing a name of a candidate to our Board, I wanted to clarify this position and what relationship it has to Jim Grimshaw and the Minister of Education position. This new staff person will be a Minister of Faith Development, and will have particular responsibilities for creating and implementing ways for a persons spiritual development that they might move towards a maturity of faith in God. This will be a two-thirds time position, that will include working with the Education and Fellowship Committees who plan activities that will help in the development of small groups, educational opportunities, assimilation of new members, and the development of opportunities for Outreach & Service. This person, as part of the nurturing the congregation's faith development, will participate in the pastoral care and the worship leadership of the church.

Jim Grimshaw who has been our Minister of Education through this year, will be leaving on May 31. He has expressed a desire to serve as a pastor in a student church where he can have more responsibility in preaching. It is recommended for students in Seminary to have more than one field of experience during their Seminary training. We have enjoyed Jim's ministry and we'll miss having him be a part of our community but we will be praying for him as he moves onward in his own ministerial training.

(CONTINUED NEXT COLUMN)

Our hope is that we will b able to have a person come board in the summer to take Jim position and continue with t ministry that he has formed.

Peace,

Jerry

JOYS & CONCERNS

CONGRATULATIONS to Charles and Andith Wrisk in the celebration of their 67th Wedding Anniversary which was last week on March 28. The other bouquet in the sanctuary last Sunday was from the Wrisks.

SACRIFICIAL LUNCHEON-ALL WELCOME

April 11 - 10:00 a.m. - All Church Sacrificial Luncheon - Hosts: Rachel Circle. Call the church office for reservations or Betty Grimm (456-7808).

CANDIDATES, MENTORS, AND PARENTS will meet on Saturday, April 11, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. This will be a class with Jim Grimshaw. A luncheon will follow the meeting.

D.M.A. (DON'T MENTION AGE) will meet on Tuesday, April 7 at 12:00 noon for a pitch-in lunch. Attorney George Bewley will speak on Living wills and trusts, financial planning, and Power of Attorney. Call the church office if you can attend.

SERMON PREVIEW

SERMON TITLE: FORGIVE, RELIEVE, RELEASE

SCRIPTURE: JOHN 12:1-8

Our fifth Lenten Discipline is forgiveness. We have explored each week a different discipline in our faith - obedience, conviction, self-examination, reconciliation, and forgiveness.

Many times we carry the pain and hurt of experiences in our past that we have not been able to forgive or to release from within ourselves. What is it that God desires for you to let go of that you have been holding onto for too long, and that God wishes for you to release this for within yourself?

Spring is here and the grass will soon be growing. The Property Committee is again taking applications for lawn care workers. We hope that you will add your name to this list. Give the office a call (744-3239) and give Diane your name. This has been a substantial savings for the church the past two years.

God Bless,
Dave Kreischer, Property Chairman

CWF is collecting items for the Flinn Memorial Home giftshop. If you would like to donate any of the following items, please bring them to your next CWF circle meeting or place them in the designated box in Fellowship Hall. These will be shipped April 10.

Personal care items: toothpaste, deodorant, mouthwash, powder, lotion, barsoap, combs, brushes.
Stationary supplies: assorted greeting cards, lined writing tablets, postage stamps, felt tip pens (black).
Sweets & treats: sugarless hard candy or cookies, small packages of cookies or candy bars, cheese balls.
Misc.: Lysol spray, Glade spray, thigh-hi or knee-hi hose, permanent markers (black).

Call Teresa Hatten (447-2649) for any questions.

F.C.C. BRIGHT SPOT OF SOUTH SIDE

Did you read the article in the News-Sentinel Neighbor's section last week about "South side to showcase BRIGHT SPOTS"? The Healthy Cities South Side Project and Southtown Mall plan to highlight the BRIGHT SPOTS in the south half of the city during the Neighborhoods' Fair and one of those BRIGHT SPOTS will be First Christian Church. The Board of Trustees, at the February Board meeting, enthusiastically endorsed our participation in this event to be held April 10 and 11 at the Southtown Mall. We will have a table display and display panels covered with pictures of members and activities at First Christian. In the center of the pictures will be an empty spot. The message above will say, "There is a place for you at First Christian." WE NEED YOUR HELP! Would you be willing to lend us photos of yourself or pictures you have taken of church events? We need them right away - THIS SUNDAY! There will be a box in the narthex and fellowship hall where you can deposit your photos. Put your name on the back of each one so they can be returned to you. Thanks for your help and be sure to visit the display April 10 and 11 at the Southtown Mall.

The Evangelism Committee

NEWS FROM THE SEARCH COMMITTEE

The Search Committee for the additional staff person, Minister of Faith Development (currently being fulfilled by Jim Grimshaw who is leaving June 1), is actively seeking a candidate for this position.

There have been 9 applicants from the newspaper ad and regional office.

We have selected 3 of the 9 to be interviewed. We will continue to update the congregation on our progress.

FROM THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The Christian Education Committee is pleased to announce that Chris Beck was recently hired to oversee nursery care on Sunday mornings. Chris was interviewed and recommended to the committee by a subcommittee of Sue Brey, Alison Knappenberger, and Erma Vanderwall. She is highly qualified for this position and has committed herself to at least one year of service with our church. Please stop by the nursery and introduce yourself to Chris so that she can see how much we value her expertise in caring for our children.

The committee would also like to extend appreciation to the many individuals who helped provide nursery care during the search for a full time worker. These include: Sue Brey, Jim Bushey, Karen Bushey, Tracy Critell, Tami Dailey, Sara Glasgow, Jessica Hatten, Teresa Hatten, Tina Hatten, Alison Knappenberger, Nick Knappenberger, Becky Krull, Laura McFarland, Collin Miller, Lindsay Miller, Anne Moll, Katie Moll, Edna Nordblom, Erin Proegler, Josie Quick, Sue Stow, Erma Vanderwall, and Evelyn Yeoman. (We apologize if any others were accidently omitted from this listing).

EASTER FLOWERS - ALL WITH FOIL AND BOW

Easter Lilies - white - $8.50
Tiger Lilies - yellow & orange - $8.00
Tulips - red & yellow - $8.00
Mums Cushion - yellow & lavender - $8.50
Daisy Mums - white - $8.50
Hyacinth - white, blue, pink - $8.00

DEADLINE FOR ORDERING MONDAY, APRIL 6

A variety of Easter flowers are available for $8.00 and $8.50. They will be used in our Easter Sunday Worship Services. They can be taken home after the services or donated to a shut-in. Call Diane at the office (744-3239) to order today!

SOFTBALL

It's that time of season again. If you are interested in playing for the church, please contact the church office and leave your name. More information to follow.

Thanks,
Scott Miller

PRAYER CHAIN

Sign ups for the Prayer Chain will begin this Sunday in Fellowship Hall. Anyone with any questions should contact Kris Ohneck. The Prayer Chain will begin on Good Friday, April 17, 6:00 p.m. and end on Easter Sunday, April 19, 6:00 a.m.

EASTER EGG EXTRAVAGANZA

Again this year, the church will host an afternoon of fun for our children. We will have stories, games and an Easter Egg Hunt. This year's extravaganza will be on Palm Sunday weekend. More information to come.

THE FESTIVAL CHOIR WILL BE IN CONCERT AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, 2323 FAIRFIELD AVENUE AT 6:30 P.M. THIS SUNDAY, APRIL 5.

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TO: MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Jerry Zimmerman will have served as our organist for 20 years this coming April 12. I invite you to send a gift of money as an expression of our appreciation for his gifts of ministry that he has offered in this congregation over the past 20 years.

Jerry has prepared each week music that coordinates with the flow of the worship service and the theme of the ministers' sermons. We have deeply appreciated his commitment to this church and the beautiful music that he has brought to us.

We will collect the gifts of money that you send in and give them as one gift on Palm Sunday, April 12 as an expression of the churches thankfulness for his ministry over the past 20 years.

If you have any questions about this, please feel free to call.

Peace,

Jerry

P.S. Jerry does not know about this. It is a surprise!

SPECIAL MAUNDY THURSDAY DRAMA

We will have a special worship experience this Maundy Thursday, April 16, at 7:00 p.m. during which 12 of our men and a guest actor will portray the events of Jesus' last supper with the Disciples. The setting and costuming will be much the same as that in the beloved painting The Last Supper by Leonardo da Vinci.

The guest actor playing Christ will be Andrew Gingrich. He has been very active in several theaters in the Fort Wayne area, especially the Civic and Performing Arts Center. We are so pleased that he will be with us for the evening.

The Disciples will be John Ohneck, Mike Mullen, Sam Hayes, John Glasgow, George Davis, Chuck McGrew, John Kelly, Nick Knappenberger, Ray Stover, Dave Rinker, Dick Vanderwall, and Charlie Hatten. Bob Orr will be the Interpreter. The portrayal is directed by Laura York and planned by the Worship Committee.

It will be a privilege on this evening also to introduce the candidates for membership and their mentors. Candidates and their Mentors are: Derrick Farr with Dick Mey; Collin Miller with Sam Hayes; Brooke Spencer with Laurie Bushey; and Shawn Spencer with Larry Brey. Those who choose will be baptized Easter Sunday at the 10:45 a.m. service.

This is a special invitation to you to be present for this extraordinary Maundy Thursday service. You, too, will be welcomed at the Table as an important part of the service. The Chancel Choir will be singing and Margaret Prechtl, violist with the Philharmonic, will be playing. Please plan to come.

YOUTH MINISTRY COUNCIL

The Youth Ministry Council will meet this Sunday, April 5 from 12:00 - 1:00 in the Library. The Youth Ministry Council is a newly formed group to focus on providing support and guidance for our youth groups.

VOLLEYBALL - this Sunday - 1:30 p.m. Lincolnshire Church of the Brethren. Sue Brey says she'd like some other women to help her!

C.Y.F. - this Sunday, 12:30 - 2:00 p.m. We will be planning for food bank shopping. Lunch first, then planning.

SERVING APRIL 5

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Delores Keebortz and Charles Ludwig

10:45 A.M. Pat Mullen and Bill Franklin

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. R.Merrick, C.Davis, Jt. Myers, J. Myers

10:45 A.M. J. Kelly, B. Kelly, M. Mullen, S. Oden, S. Murray, C. Murray, M. Quick, K. Tobias

USHERS

8:15 A.M. J. Ott, M. Hartman, M. Hutchinson

10:45 A.M. C.McGrew, E.Nordblom, J. Ohneck, H. Banet

COMMUNION PREPARATION

S. Brey, L. Brey, J. Franklin

ACOLYTES

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Mike Walsh

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Sam Hayes

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12:30 P.M. CYF
1:30 P.M. Volleyball
6:30 P.M. Festival Choir at First Baptist Church

MONDAY, APRIL 6

7:00 P.M. Gathering of Men

TUESDAY, APRIL 7

12:00 NOON D.M.A. Potluck
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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

5:15 P.M. Celebration Ringers
6:00 P.M. Supper
6:30 P.M. Chi Rho
6:30 P.M. Creative Arts
6:30 P.M. Lenten Seminar

THURSDAY, APRIL 9

5:30 P.M. Carillon
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

FRIDAY, APRIL 10

10:00 A.M. Rachel Circle

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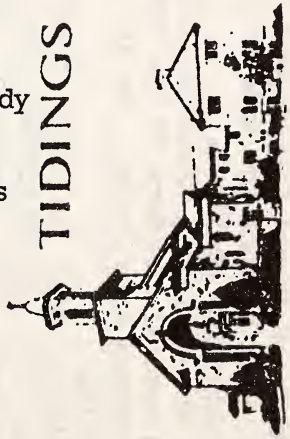

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LUNCHEON FOR MENTORS AND CANDIDATES 12:00 NOON

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(FOR ALL AGES TO GRADE 5)

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This Sunday begins our Holy Week celebration. It is a time of retelling the story of the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, the Last Supper with his Disciples, the betrayal and denial of Jesus, his crucifixion, and glorious resurrection. In one week, we capture a number of emotions that many of us experience in our journey of faith. We experience the celebration of following Jesus, then the denial within ourselves of living out what we believe, the death within our soul from our doubts and fears, but finally a sign of hope, of resurrection, that comes for those who had lost hope, lost life to death. The Easter story is powerful! People all over the world resonate to the truth we proclaim. Many times people want to move from Palm Sunday to Easter without going through the events during the week, but we all know to really experience the power of the Easter message we must be in touch with our own denial and death to experience the resurrection.

Come this week to Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and then Easter to experience the whole story of Easter.

Peace,

Jerry

P.S. If you have a neighbor or friend who is not going to church this Sunday, this is a wonderful time to invite them. Let us all come to worship our Lord.

JOYS & CONCERNS

Mary Piatt is a patient at Lutheran Hospital.

Eileen Klepfer had foot surgery last week and is recovering at home.

THANK YOU'S

We want to express our thanks to all who sent cards, visited us, shared kind words, and gave hugs to us during my father's illness and death.

Donna McEvoy

Earl and I wish to thank you all for your prayers and concerns during my recent hospital stay.

I really appreciated Helen's daily visits with her encouraging words and prayers.

Many thanks to Gini Brown, Bev Hendricks, Jack Weicker, Jim Grimshaw, and Jenny for their visits also.

Margaret Snouffer

YOU'RE INVITED

Anyone interested in witnessing the Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation of John Perry into the Catholic Church, may do so at the Easter Vigil Services at 8:00 p.m. on April 18 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Calhoun Street. Reception following in the Cathedral Center.

THE FESTIVAL CHOIR WILL BE IN CONCERT AT CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 1101 MCKINNIE AVENUE AT 4:00 P.M. THIS SUNDAY, APRIL 12.

DIVISION OF OVERSEAS MINISTRIES SPREADS CHURCH'S WITNESS AROUND THE WORLD

With the help of the Division of Overseas Ministries, your gifts to Basic Mission Finance are making God's love real to people on six continents. Disciples, along with our Christian sisters and brothers in 30 countries, are proclaiming the Good News, training church leaders, nurturing congregations, healing bodies and spirits, and helping people to become self-sufficient.

In **Fiji, Jack** and **Lydia Johnson-Hill** teach at Pacific Theological College, challenging future pastors to engage in community ministries as well as preaching.

In **Thailand, Donald Persons** works with congregations of former leprosy patients.

In **Russia, Ben Taylor** prepares for a social-services ministry with the Russian Orthodox Church, which, for the first time in 70 years, is able to carry out ministries in addition to regular worship.

Your support of the **Easter Special Day Offering** on **April 12** and **19** is important to the future of these ministries.

BARBEE WORK DAY

The annual Camp Barbee Work Day is planned for Saturday, May 16, 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided. Come and help get the camp ready for the summer camping program. This years projects will include: cleaning, landscaping, repairs, carpentry and painting. Please contact the church office (744-3239) or Ken Taylor (485-5348) if you are able to attend.

Due to scheduling problems, the Young Adult group will be completing their Barbee Work Day project on May 9th. Please contact Ken Taylor for more details.

TOY DRIVE

For the next several weeks the Young Adults will be gathering toys to be used in our own nursery or at St. Joe Hospital's "Cuddles & Care" ward. A container will be provided at the church for the toys which may be new or used (in good condition). Toys should not have too many pieces (which may be lost) or have too tiny of pieces (which may be swallowed/choken on). Thank you.

DRESS REHEARSAL for Maundy Thursday, Monday, April 13, 7:00 P.M.

EASTER BREAKFAST - 7:15 a.m. - April 19 - call the church office for reservations.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Glenn and Wilma Miller transferred their membership from Calvary United Methodist Church last Sunday. They live at 6615 Casino 46816. Phone: 745-1417. Welcome Glenn and Wilma!

F.C.C. BRIGHT SPOT OF SOUTH SIDE

Don't forget to attend the Neighborhood's Fair April 10 & 11 at Southtown Mall. Check out our table display between Casual Corners and Kirlin's Hallmark.

FOOD BANK NEEDS: P-Nut Butter, Crackers, Tomato Sauce, Laundry Soap

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Laura York is directing the drama. Narrator will be Bob Orr. The Disciples are John Ohneck, Mike Mullen, Sam Hayes, John Glasgow, George Davis, Don Oden, John Kelly, Nick Knappenberger, Ray Stover, Dave Rinker, Dick Vanderwall, and Charles Hatten. Sue Oden and the Worship Committee are assisting and supporting the service.

We are excited to be able to have Andrew Gingerich playing Christ. He is a native of Fort Wayne, a graduate of North Side High School and Ball State University. A veteran of several theaters including the Civic, First Presbyterian, and the Arena, he is also an accomplished musician. Members of the congregation may remember him in an appearance at First Christian in In Celebrate Life under the direction of Anne Hayes. He is a member of Crescent Avenue United Methodist Church.

Members of the congregation and friends will be welcomed at the Table during an important part of the service, a vivid part of the Last Supper. The Chancel Choir will be singing with Margaret Prechtl, Violist with the Philharmonic, playing.

It will be a privilege on this evening also to introduce the candidates for membership and their mentors. Candidates and their Mentors are: Derrick Farr with Dick Mey; Collin Miller with Sam Hayes; Brooke Spencer with Laurie Bushey; and Shawn Spencer with Larry Brey. Those who choose will be baptized Easter Sunday at the 10:45 a.m. service.

Please highlight this evening during Holy Week on your calendar.

SERMON PREVIEW

SERMON TITLE: A TICKET TAPE PARADE

SCRIPTURE: LUKE 19:28-40

Have you ever been to a big parade? What is the emotion of the crowd? Imagine the day Jesus came into Jerusalem on a colt, what did the crowd proclaim? Why did crowd move from shouts of Hosanna to cries of crucify Him? Do we ever do that to individuals? Why are people so fickle?

EASTER EGG EXTRAVAGANZA

This Saturday, April 11 from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. is the Easter Egg Extravaganza at the church, with an Easter Egg Hunt outside (or inside if weather is bad).

We'll also have crafts for the children, stories, songs, and games.

Children three years of age through 5th grade are invited. Parents are welcome to join in on the fun as well.

Hope to see you all there!

SACRIFICIAL LUNCHEON - ALL WELCOME

This Saturday, April 11, 10:00 a.m. All Welcome. Call the church office for reservations or Betty Grimm (456-7808). Hosts: Rachel Circle.

CANDIDATES, MENTORS, AND PARENTS who are attending the Sacrificial Luncheon this Saturday, April 11 at 10:00 a.m., please call Betty Grimm for reservations - 456-7808.

Class with Jim Grimshaw this Saturday, April 11 at 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. Luncheon following meeting - Candidates, Parents, and Mentors.

NEWS FROM THE SEARCH COMMITTEE

The committee has interviewed several of the individuals who have submitted resumes. We plan to bring a possible candidate's name to the April Board meeting.

SERVING APRIL 12

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Mildred Hartman and Sam Hayes

10:45 A.M. Tom Walsh and Curt Miller

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. M. Hutchinson, T. Knuckles, G. Brown, N. Knappenberger

10:45 A.M. K. Taylor, E. Rieke, M. Rieke, D. Mey, D. Rinker, E. Yeoman, L. Bushey, J. Franklin

USHERS

8:15 A.M. J. Ott, J. Young, L. Merrick

10:45 A.M. C. McGrew, C. Falbe, B. Glasgow, W. Bowen

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

D. Mory - R. Stover
D. Vanderwall - B. Kerley
Jt. Weicker - L. Brey
K. Graham - K. Blocher

COMMUNION PREPARATION

D.Harter, B.Hendricks, K.Taylor

ACOLYTES

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7:30 P.M. Board of Trustees

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1:00 P.M. Good Friday Service at Lincolnshire Church
6:00 P.M. Prayer Chain Begins

SAT.APRIL 18 - 9:00 A.M. - Practice for Easter

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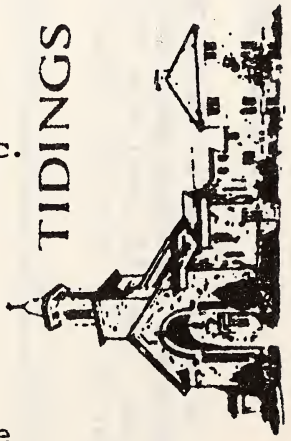

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HE IS RISEN!

EASTER SUNDAY

SUNRISE SERVICE - 6:30 A.M.

If weather permits this will be outside on the north side of the church. Come and join in the celebration as the sun rises over the horizon. We will sing, proclaim and have communion on this early morn!

EASTER BREAKFAST - 7:15 A.M. - $2.00 DONATION

You are invited to come for a delicious breakfast made by some of our best cooks!

SERVICES OF EASTER RESURRECTION - 8:15 & 10:45 A.M.

The choir will be in full voice, the carillon will be ringing bells of joy, the congregation will be singing, the Gospel will be proclaimed, and Holy Communion will be shared! Come and share in the "Good News - Jesus Has Risen!"

SCRIPTURE - MARK 16:1-8
SERMON - WHO WILL ROLL THE STONE AWAY?

SHARE THE CARE DAY - APRIL 25, 9:00 A.M.

We need your help! Spring is here and your church needs some repair and cleaning. Will you come for a couple of hours and help? There will be donuts and coffee. How can you pass up such a deal?

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE will meet on Monday, April 20 at 7:00 p.m.

FROM HERE TO ZEHR

This last Sunday we surprised Jerry Zimmerman with a gift celebrating his 20 years of service as our organist. I think it's important to celebrate special events in the life of our church.

Celebration is an important part of worship, and this Sunday we will celebrate some of our young people's baptisms. They have gone through our mentoring program and have decided they want to follow Jesus as their Lord.

It is a time for all of us to remember our confessions of faith and celebrate God's goodness in our lives!

The definition of Resurrection is "the act of rising from the dead." Let us awaken to the resurrection in our own lives, that Christ is alive, dwelling, creating, and growing in our inner most soul.

See you Sunday!

Peace,

Jerry

P.S. If you have a neighbor or friend who has not been to worship in the past year, invite them to come and be with us this Sunday! The number one reason people give for going to back to church is that someone invited them.

JOYS & CONCERNS

Mary Piatt is at Riverbend Health Care Center.

CONGRATULATIONS to Wayne & Helen Donnell in the birth of their new granddaughter born April 12!

THANK YOU'S

How can I thank everyone who had a part in making last Sunday such a special day? First Christian Church has been an important part of my life for the last twenty years. Very few weeks have gone by during that time when I didn't receive a word of appreciation from someone. You are a very special group of people.

The generous check from the congregation will probably be used for a nice trip this summer, place to be decided. The anniversary clock from the choir will always be a reminder of a special kinship.

Thanks to all of you.

Jerry Zimmerman

I wish to thank all who sent their support to me during the time of my surgery and recovery through calls, cards and prayers.

Elinor Place

YOU'RE INVITED

Anyone interested in witnessing the Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation of John Penny into the Catholic Church, may do so at the Easter Vigil Services at 8:00 p.m. on April 18 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Calhoun Street. Reception following in the Cathedral Center.

BARBEE WORK DAY

The annual Camp Barbee Work Day is planned for Saturday, May 16, 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided. Come and help get the camp ready for the summer camping program. This years projects will include: cleaning, landscaping, repairs, carpentry and painting. Please contact the church office (744-3239) or Ken Taylor (485-5348) if you are able to attend.

Due to scheduling problems, the Young Adult group will be completing their Barbee Work Day project on May 9th. Please contact Ken Taylor for more details.

SYMPATHY

Word has come that Lorene Orchard (Peggy Buskink's brother and a member of First Christian Church for many years) has died. Our sympathy is with Peggy and her family.

Car Washes

Knitting Lessons

Lasagna dinner for 4

CYF SPONSORING LUNCHEON AND AUCTION

2 hours of odd jobs

A pie of your choice

MAY 17, 1992 AFTER 2ND SERVICE

PROCEEDS GO TO SUPPORT F.C.C.'S FOOD BANK

Dogsitting

PLEASE START THINKING OF ITEMS OR SERVICES YOU COULD DONATE FOR THE AUCTION

hours of babysitting

MORE INFORMATION LATER

1 hour banjo lesson

CONTACT DEB OR CURT MILLER (456-4028)

Bake someone a Birthday Cake!

Handicrafts

ATTENTION: SOFTBALL TEAM MEMBERS

Opening day of softball is May 5. Our first team practice will be Saturday, April 25 at Franke Park, 3:00 p.m. and then again on Saturday, May 2 also at Franke Park. For more information, feel free to call me. Thanks.

Scott Miller (493-2957)

TO: D.M.A.

The D.M.A. will take a trip to the Old Bag Factory in Goshen on May 6. We'll leave the church at 9:00 a.m.

If we get enough reservations, we'll go by bus, otherwise we will go by cars.

Please call the church office by **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29** with your reservation. Thank you.

THANK YOU

Thanks to all who made it possible for First Christian to participate in the Neighborhoods' Fair at the Southtown Mall. At our table display were Edna Nordblom, Bill and Jo Franklin, Sue Brey, Jim Bushey, Teresa and Charlie Hatten, Nick Knappenberger, Lois Finkhousen, John Ohneck, Mike Mullen, and Ralph Church. Thanks to Jim Bushey for the loan of his trade fair equipment, to Charles McGrew for his sign making talent and to all who contributed photographs. Making the video was a "learning experience." The patience exhibited by all those who cooperated was greatly appreciated.

The Evangelism Committee: Evelyn Yeoman, Betty Grimm, Pat Mullen, Donna McEvoy, Lauren Ewing, Judy Church.

FOOD BANK NEEDS: P-Nut Butter, Crackers, Tomato Sauce, Laundry Soap

SPIRITUAL PARTICIPATION	4-12-92	AVERAGE YTD
Worship Attendance	262	206

SERMON PREVIEW

SCRIPTURE: MARK 16:1-8

SERMON: WHO WILL ROLL AWAY THE STONE?

Who went to the tomb that early morn? Where were the disciples? Who rolled the stone away? Have you ever felt like there was a stone that was keeping your life giving force inside of a tomb? How did the stone get rolled away?

A ONE, A TWO, A THREE, TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME.....

The D.M.A. is sponsoring a trip on July 7 to see the Chicago Cubs play the Cincinnati Reds. The bus will leave from the church parking lot at 8:30 a.m. COST: $27.00 for bus and ticket into the game. Call Dick Vanderwall (484-7878) or the church office to sign up. Tickets are going fast!

WANTED: TOYS

ITEMS: New/Used (good condition)
FOR: Our nursery/St. Joe Hospital's "Cuddles & Care" ward
RESTRICTIONS: Not too many pieces (which may be lost)
Not too tiny of pieces (which may be swallowed)
LOOK FOR: Containers at the church (and happy children)
DISTRIBUTION BY: Young Adults

EASTER OFFERING FOR BASIC MISSION FINANCE HIGHLIGHTS WORK OF DOM

The 1992 Easter Special Day Offering, to be received April 12 & 19, lifts up the work of the Division of Overseas Ministries.

DOM's story is about people. People who care and people who give. People who go and people who share God's love, on our behalf, wherever there is pain and brokenness, hunger and illness, oppression and injustice. It is also the story of the people with whom we share -- whose lives are made better because of our ministries.

In 1991, DOM received approximately $4 million, which it used to share the gospel in **Thailand**, dig wells in **Swaziland**, train pastors in **Fiji**, heal the sick in **India** and extend other life-giving ministries in 30 countries across six continents.

DOM's ministry is **your** ministry, through your support of Basic Mission Finance.

SERVING APRIL 19

ELDERS

6:30 A.M. Eunice Conrad

8:15 A.M. Bill Johnson and Bob Hendricks

10:45 A.M. Marvin Crouse and Kris Ohneck

DIACONATE & GREETERS

6:30 A.M. G. Brown, Jt. Myers

8:15 A.M. K. Blocher, B. Hendricks, G. Brown, D. Harter

10:45 A.M. J. Walsh, M. Walsh, R. Stover, K. Walsh, S. Brey, L. Brey, B. Glasgow, M. Orr

USHERS

8:15 A.M. J. Ott, C. Ewing, E. Snouffer

10:45 A.M. C.McGrew, E.Nordblom, D. Kreischer, D. McEvoy

COMMUNION PREPARATION

D.Harter, B.Hendricks, K.Taylor

ACOLYTES

Kaylie Duncan & Jamie Bushey

EXTENDED SESSION I LEADER

Karen Bushey

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Bill & Sue Kerley

EVANGELISM CALLERS

TEAM I-Pat Mullen & Rosie Krull

TEAM II-M.Hartman & M.Hutchinson

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Bobbi Lindsay

10:45 A.M. Kelly Walsh

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, APRIL 18

9:00 A.M. Practice for Easter

SUNDAY, APRIL 19

6:30 A.M. Sunrise Service

7:15 A.M. Easter Breakfast

8:15 A.M. First Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Second Worship

MONDAY, APRIL 20

4:30 P.M. Jim Grimshaw's PRC

7:00 P.M. Christian Education Committee

TUESDAY, APRIL 21

7:00 P.M. Sarah Circle

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

5:15 P.M. Celebration Ringers

6:00 P.M. Supper

6:30 P.M. Chi Rho

6:30 P.M. Creative Arts

THURSDAY, APRIL 23

5:30 P.M. Carillon

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

9:00 A.M. Share the Care

BIRTHDAYS APRIL 23-29

Becca Widmer (23)
Dick Mey (23)
Devera Harter (24)
Grady Vanderwall (24)
Vera Watson (25)
Grant Woodward (28)

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YOUTH SUNDAY

APRIL 26

BEYOND OURSELVES

This Sunday the youth of our church will be leading us in worship, lifting up the theme "Beyond Ourselves." The new youth handbell choir will perform, along with other special music, a drama entitled "The Life Saving Station," and special prayers and litanies given by the other youth. Come and support the youth of our church as they lead in an uplifting worship service.

ALL CYF & CHI RHO - YOUTH SUNDAY PRACTICE

SATURDAY 12:00 NOON - BRING $2.00 FOR LUNCH

CELEBRATION RINGERS WILL PRACTICE FROM 1:00 - 2:00 P.M.

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COMMITTEE CHAIRS will meet on Tuesday, April 28, 1992 at 7:00 p.m.

COMMITTEES will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 28.

FROM HERE TO ZEHR

Easter Sunday had an unbelievable energy that glowed through the whole service. The people who were leading the service were really focused, the congregation was anticipating, ready for something wonderful to happen. It was a great day! It was exciting to see people prepare themselves and their families for Easter Sunday. People had made church a priority to be a part of their Sunday schedule. What would happen if people made the Sabbath this important so that they planned their weekend around the Sabbath worship service? The energy and commitment would be transforming! Let us come this next Sunday with that same spirit of anticipation and excitement!

The choir, carillon, special music, Laura York, the actors, mentors, Brenda Kelly, and the elders and deacons gave so much to make this a truly powerful Holy Week.

Thanks to all for your commitment to God's church.

A special thanks to Jim Grimshaw, Helen Donnell, Jerry Zimmerman, Diane Johnson, and John Perry for all their work in preparation and participation in Holy Week.

Peace,

Jerry

P.S. I hope to see you this coming Sunday for Youth Sunday!

JOYS & CONCERNS

Jack Phillips is a patient at Lutheran Hospital.

Ressie Ehresman is a patient at St. Joseph Hospital.

Warren Smart has gone home from Lutheran Hospital.

THANK YOU'S

Thank you to all those who helped with the Easter Sunrise Service. To Gini Brown and Eunice Conrad for their thespian talents, to Janet Myers, Sue Oden, and Don Oden for serving. It was a great celebration of the risen Christ as the sun rose on Easter morning!

Many, many thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Donald Smith for the purchase of a new Mita copier for the church office.

Thank you to all who served on the Prayer Chain. This is an important ministry for our congregation particularly during Lent. I hope you each found the experience uplifting and will plan to schedule more daily prayer time in your life.

Kris Ohneck and the
Worship Committee

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Nicole Elizabeth Smith was born on April 15 - congratulations to Bob Smith, the very proud grandfather!!

ALSO

Joshua Robert Rayl was born on April 16 to Mark & Barbara Rayl. Marilyn Rayl is the proud grandmother and Glenn & Lola Miller are the proud great-grandparents!!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Derrick Farr, son of Florence (Cindy) Farr
Collin Miller, son of Curt & Deb Miller
Brooke Spencer, daughter of Kirk & Lynn Spencer
Shawn Spencer, son of Kirk & Lynn Spencer

Congratulations to these young disciples, their families, and mentors. They were all baptized on Easter Sunday!

YOUTH CONFERENCE

There will be an International Christian Youth Fellowship Conference (ICYFC) this summer at Purdue University for youth who have graduated from 9th through 12th grades. This is a 5 day, denominationally sponsored event from June 27 - July 1 and the theme is "On Wings of Eagles . . . Together We Can Soar" (Isaiah 40:31).

It will be an educational, inspirational, leader development event where high school aged youth learn about the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), engage in Bible study, reflect on daily keynote presentations in small groups and participate in a variety of workshops. The schedule also includes worship, a banquet, a dance, an outdoor concert and time to use the university's sports facilities.

If you are interested, please contact the church office or Jim Grimshaw BEFORE APRIL 30.

WHAT IS UNIQUE ABOUT CHURCH CAMP

Camping is an experience in Christian living, an opportunity to "live out" the Christian faith, rather than an experience of learning words or concepts alone. Church camping gives opportunity to discover the kind of natural setting of which the Bible speaks, and which was part of the experience of the biblical writers.

What does church camp have to offer youth? How about swimming, boating (at Lake Barbee), crafts, music, hiking, cook-outs, worship, creative Bible and spiritual instruction, organized recreation, a natural environment and counselors dedicated to witnessing their faith in Jesus Christ. Camps are designed for youth entering grade three and older.

If you are interested in camp this summer and haven't got your registration forms, please call the church office today!

ATTENTION: SOFTBALL TEAM MEMBERS

Opening day of softball is May 5. Our first team practice will be this Saturday, April 25 at Franke Park, 3:00 p.m.

Scott Miller (493-2957)

2 hours of odd jobs

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2 hours of babysitting

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Dogsitting

MORE INFORMATION LATER

Knitting Lessons

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1 hour banjo lesson

Bake someone a
Birthday Cake!

LAY LEADERSHIP RECOMMENDATIONS FOR OFFICERS AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR 1992-1993

OFFICERS 1993
Moderator - Jim Bushey
Vice Moderator - Charles Hatten

OFFICERS 1994
Secretary - Pat Mullen
Treasurer - Merle Grimm

COMMITTEE CHAIRS 1993
Stewardship - Sam Hayes
Board of Elders - Bill Franklin

COMMITTEE CHAIRS 1994
Evangelism - Judy Church
Christian Education - Kris Ohneck
Lay Leadership - Eileen Klepfer
Outreach & Service - Nick Knappenberger
Board of Diaconate - Gini Brown
Personnel - Dick Vanderwall

REPRESENTATIVES TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES 1993
Elder - John Kelly
Deaconess - Laurie Bushey

REPRESENTATIVES TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES 1994
Elder - Mildred Hartman
Elder - John Ohneck
Deaconess - Bev Hendricks
Deaconess - Marilyn Rieke
Congregation-at-Large - Carole Davis
Congregation-at-Large - Sandy Zimmerman

ELDER EMERITUS
Don Parlette
Rolland Ripple
Mildred Hartman
Glenn Miller

(Over)

BOARD OF ELDERS 1994
Lauren Ewing
Chuck Ewing
Charles Hatten
John Kelly
Eileen Klepfer
Dave Kreischer
Rosemary Krull
Pat Mullen
Sue Oden
John Ohneck

BOARD OF DIACONATE 1993
David Orr
Evelyn Yeoman

BOARD OF DIACONATE 1994
Julia Arnold
Mark Arnold
Kathy Blocher
Karen Bushey
Carole Davis
Teresa Hatten
Mildred Hutchinson
Nick Knappenberger
Bobbi Lindsay
Jack Lindsay
Mike McFarland
Charles Murray
Jennifer Mounsey
Rose Newton
Eric Rieke
Marilyn Rieke
Dave Rinker
Kevin Tobias
Sandy Zimmerman

ASSOCIATE DEACONS
Tracy Critell
Jessica Hatten
Kelly Walsh

FROM THE SEARCH COMMITTEE

The Search Committee presented a candidate's name for Minister of Faith Development to the Board of Trustees on April 14. The board voted unanimously to approve the candidate. On Sunday, May 10 ay 9:30 a.m. the candidate will be presented to the congregation. This is an important congregational meeting, so please plan to attend.

FLOWERS GIVEN FOR EASTER

Laurie Bushey in memory of Bessie Weaver;

Grant & Jessie Fern Woodward in memory of their daughter, Linda Kirtley;

Grant & Jessie Fern Woodward in memory of Jeanne Feltenberger;

Jim & Becky Stucky in honor of Jerry Zimmerman;

Lillian Busse in memory of loved ones;

Judy Mey in memory of her father, Charles Laughlin;

Dick Mey in memory of his mother, Elizabeth Jones;

Alice Nulf in memory of her husband, Robert Nulf;

Gene & Eileen Klepfer in memory of their parents;

Mary Wilhelm in memory of Pete & Jolene;

Jerry & Sandy Zimmerman in honor of Eric, Robin, Mark, and Kayla;

John & Jo Weyer in celebration of John's birthday;

Mr. & Mrs. Ed Allen in memory of Greg Allen;

Ralph & Judy Church in memory of their son, Nick Keirn;

Bob & Loretta Orr;

Jackie Keller;

Larry & Sue Brey;

Glenn & Lola Miller;

EASTER SUNDAY at First Christian was as exciting as Easter Sundays ought to be, considering the event in history that they celebrate! It was done with the hands, hearts, and voices of many people, and we thank them all.

Laura York and Sue Oden spent untold hours planning, costuming and directing the Maundy Thursday drama. We thank them very much, as well as the 12 apostles and Bob Orr, narrator, for a memorable re-inactment of the Last Supper. Margaret Prechtl and the Chancel Choir were so beautiful.

The Easter Breakfast was delicious and delightful. Jean McGrew and her committee decorated the tables, and Linda and Dick Merrick prepared the menu.

The lovely Easter bulletin cover was designed by Judy Mey.

We have the talents Sue Oden again and Lauren Ewing to appreciate for the full length Communion Table Cloth with the gorgeous butterfly. The cloth was carefully coordinated with the Easter banners and choir stoles made by Greg Allen for First Christian in 1985. Four others who were so helpful, along with Sue, for lining up people as Elders, Diaconate and Ushers, and seeing that everything and everybody was in place for the transformation, were Gini Brown, Chuck and Jean McGrew, and Sue's husband, Don. Jean served as "parade marshall," being sure that everybody was in the best order for the processional of banners, candles, communion elements, flowers. Children who took part were: Jamie Bushey, Melissa Lands, Josie Quick, and Katie Moll. Marlo Quick assisted the children and filled an empty place.

Diane Mory, Rose Newton, and Pat Mullen caught our imaginations in a beautiful way as they portrayed what might have been at the tomb on that first Easter morning. There are no words to thank Brian Prechtl, timpani, and Mike Walsh, trumpet, and the members of the Carillon and Chancel Choirs for superb performances of four anthems, expressing for all of us the exquisite joy of the Resurrection.

We are grateful to each of you, and many others, for helping in so many ways, large and small, to create together such a beautiful Easter. It will not be one to be forgotten.

Helen

GRADUATING SENIORS

The church will recognize our graduating seniors on Sunday, May 31. Graduation is a great event in a person's life and the church wants to recognize that celebration. If you are graduating from high school or from a school of higher education (college, technical school, graduate school, etc.), or if you know of someone in the church who is graduating, please call the church office or contact Jim Grimshaw or Ralph Church.

FOOD BANK NEEDS: Tuna, Disposable Diapers, Spaghetti, Jelly, Canned Fruit, Bar Soap, and Toilet Tissue.

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If we get enough reservations, we'll go by bus, otherwise we will go by cars, but we will go.

If we go by bus the cost will be $12.00 each. The bus will only hold 25 people, so call right away!

Please call the church office by noon **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29** with your reservations. Thank you.

ODE TO THE YOUNG ADULT TOY COLLECTION

Nothing to a child brings such joy
As a wonderful, magical, marvelous toy!
To kids who are sick, to kids who are well...
Toys to make them laugh and yell.
To help with this, you must partake.
A child's smile you'll help make.
So at the church look for the box
And put a ball, a doll, or blocks.
Draw to the close, I must this rhyme.
And please do hurry, there's not much time!

CALLING ALL WOMEN

CWF Area I Spring Workshop is coming. Plan to attend and spend a day hearing of 1992-93 studies available to any dimension of women's lives. The workshop will be held at West Creighton Christian Church on May 2, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Call Edna Nordblom or Kris Ohneck if you plan to attend. Some issues to be shared are Economic Justice for Women, Environmental Concerns, etc. All who attend will find your day was well spent. Many fine books and publications to supplement these topics will be available to purchase at the booksale. See you there!!!

MAY 16 - GARAGE SALE - Bring donations to church. Need pick-up? Call the church office, Edna Nordblom (456-9255) or Evelyn Yeoman (489-2349). Our needs are anything you can no longer use or want. We will have a baked good table. We need workers if you can donate time.

SERVING APRIL 26

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Youth
10:45 A.M. Youth

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. Youth
10:45 A.M. Youth

USHERS

8:15 A.M. Youth
10:45 A.M. Youth

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

B. Johnson - C. Murray
C. Miller - S. Brey
E. Conrad - L. Bushey
C. Ludwig - M. Mullen

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Hatten's

ACOLYTES

Holly Falbe & Kristen Geroff

EXTENDED SESSION I LEADER

Laura McFarland

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Gini Brown & Evelyn Yeoman

EVANGELISM CALLERS

TEAM I-Bob & Bev Hendricks
TEAM II-Betty Grimm & Tami Dailey

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Youth
10:45 A.M. Youth

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

9:00 A.M. Share the Care Day
12:00 NOON Youth Sunday practice
1:00 P.M. Celebration Ringers

SUNDAY, APRIL 26

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
6:00 P.M. Festival Choir at Crescent Avenue

TUESDAY, APRIL 28

7:00 P.M. Committee Chairs
7:30 P.M. Committees (Christian Education will not meet)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29

5:15 P.M. Celebration Ringers
6:00 P.M. Supper
6:30 P.M. Chi Rho
6:30 P.M. Creative Arts

THURSDAY, APRIL 30

5:30 P.M. Carillon
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

BIRTHDAYS APRIL 30-MAY 6

Mildred Hutchinson (30)
Gini Brown (2)
Inez Petty (3)
Gerry Halbrook (3)
Larry Busse (3)
Ray Stover (4)
Lea Jackson (5)
Nick Lyons (5)
Ralph Reynolds (6)

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MAY IS A MONTH OF SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICES

THIS SUNDAY - SERMON: CITY OF JOY - REV. ZEHR

SOLO ANTHEM - His Eye is on the Sparrow - Sara Davis, Soloist,
Arranged by Zanninelli
ANTHEM: Deep River, Arranged by Donald Moore.

MAY 10 - MOTHER'S DAY & TEACHER RECOGNITION

We will have a special anthem sung by the Creative Arts youth and their mothers entitled: "My Song Is Love Unknown." Valetta Parlette will be playing a special number on the piano first and second service. We will have a special reading celebrating the mothers of the world. This Sunday we will also recognize the teachers and youth sponsors who have given of their time and care in the nurture of our faith.

MAY 17 - CHOIR SUNDAY!!

This Sunday our Choir will sing a number of their favorite anthems from the year. The Carillon Choir will also perform some of their top numbers. There will be no spoken sermon this day, but our message will come in song and music. After the second service, there will be a reception in the Fellowship Hall to say thank you to Helen and the choirs for all their beautiful music this last year.

MAY 24 - ALL SAINTS DAY - MEMORIAL SUNDAY

We will remember all of the saints of our church who have died in the last two years.

MAY 31 - JIM GRIMSHAW'S LAST SUNDAY AND GRADUATES & CAMPERS RECOGNIION

This will be Jim Grimshaw, our student intern's, last Sunday to be with us. He will share some of his reflections over the last two years here at First Christian. There will be a pitch-in lunch after second service to say good-bye to Jim.

Also on this Sunday we will recognize those graduating from high school or college and our young people going to camp this summer!

THERE'S A PLACE FOR YOU IN WORSHIP AT FIRST!

FROM HERE TO ZEHR

This last Sunday we had over 25 Junior and Senior High youth participating in our worship service for Youth Sunday! We have a lot of youth in our church and it is exciting to see their participation in the life of our community. I want to especially thank Teresa Hatten for her work with our new youth handbell choir; and the Boughman's, Mounsey's, Donna McEvoy, Leo Heimann, Miller's, and the Moll's for their work as youth sponsors this last year! Their theme for Youth Sunday was "Beyond Ourselves," as we look at ways to see beyond our own lives, and our own church. The message was told in the story of the "life saving station" which was very challenging. Can we look beyond our own lives and see how we can participate in God's reality? How can we do that?

A question left to every Christian.

See you Sunday!

Peace,

Jerry

JOYS & CONCERNS

Jack Phillips has gone home from Lutheran Hospital.

Donna Drudge has gone home from Lutheran Hospital.

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Assistant Cook: June 7 - August 15.
Salary: $190/week.

BEDFORD CHRISTIAN CAMP -

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Salary: $190/week, plus room and board and Social Security.

Call the church office for more information.

CALLING ALL WOMEN

CWF Area I Spring Workshop is coming. Plan to attend and spend a day hearing of 1992-93 studies available to any dimension of women's lives. The workshop will be held at West Creighton Christian Church on May 2, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Call Edna Nordblom or Kris Ohneck if you plan to attend. Some issues to be shared are Economic Justice for Women, Environmental Concerns, etc. All who attend will find your day was well spent. Many fine books and publications to supplement these topics will be available to purchase at the booksale. See you there!!!

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GATHERING OF MEN - MAY 18, 7:00 P.M.

If you are a man at First Christian and wanting to have fellowship and good discussion, come and join us on Monday night, May 18. Our discussion has focused on 3 areas of masculinity and spirituality. We have a great time of sharing. Come and join us!

LAY LEADERSHIP RECOMMENDATIONS FOR OFFICERS AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR 1992-1993

OFFICERS 1993
Moderator - Jim Bushey
Vice Moderator - Charles Hatten

OFFICERS 1994
Secretary - Pat Mullen
Treasurer - Merle Grimm

COMMITTEE CHAIRS 1993
Stewardship - Sam Hayes
Board of Elders - Bill Franklin

COMMITTEE CHAIRS 1994
Evangelism - Judy Church
Christian Education - Kris Ohneck
Lay Leadership - Eileen Klepfer
Outreach & Service - Nick Knappenberger
Board of Diaconate - Gini Brown
Personnel - Dick Vanderwall

REPRESENTATIVES TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES 1993
Elder - John Kelly
Deaconess - Laurie Bushey

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Elder - Mildred Hartman
Elder - John Ohneck
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Deaconess - Marilyn Rieke
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ELDER EMERITUS
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John Kelly
Eileen Klepfer
Dave Kreischer
Rosemary Krull
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Evelyn Yeoman

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Jack Lindsay
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Charles Murray
Jennifer Mounsey
Rose Newton
Eric Rieke
Marilyn Rieke
Dave Rinker
Kevin Tobias
Sandy Zimmerman

ASSOCIATE DEACONS
Tracy Critell
Jessica Hatten
Kelly Walsh

2 hours of odd jobs

A pie of your choice

2 hours of babysitting

CYF SPONSORING LUNCHEON AND AUCTION

Car Washes

Lasagna dinner for 4

JUNE 7, 1992 AFTER 2ND SERVICE

PROCEEDS GO TO SUPPORT F.C.C.'S FOOD BANK

Handicrafts

PLEASE START THINKING OF ITEMS OR SERVICES
YOU COULD DONATE FOR THE AUCTION

Dogsitting

MORE INFORMATION LATER

Knitting Lessons

CONTACT DEB OR CURT MILLER (456-4028)

1 hour banjo lesson

Bake someone a
Birthday Cake!

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Florence Farr transferred her membership to First Christian Church last Sunday. Welcome Florence. Her son, Derrick, was baptized on Easter Sunday here.

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ANNUAL GOLF OUTING - SATURDAY, MAY 30 - Mark your calendar for this annual church event. More details to come.

ALL INVITED - The Sarah Circle will be going to Casa D'Angelo's on Tuesday, May 19 at 6:30 p.m. Meet at the church. Call Sue Brey if you are interested in going.

FOOD BANK NEEDS: Tuna, Disposable Diapers, Spaghetti Sauce, Jelly, Canned Fruit, Bar Soap, and Facial Tissue.

C.Y.F. will meet this Sunday, May 3, 1992 at 12:30 p.m. We will be planning for the auction on June 7.

SERVING MAY 3

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Sam Hayes and Mildred Hartman

10:45 A.M. Curt Miller and Marvin Crouse

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. R.Merrick, N.Knappenberger, K. Blocher, B. Hendricks

10:45 A.M. J. Kelly, B. Kelly, S. Oden, K. Walsh, C. Murray, S. Murray, M. Quick, K. Tobias

USHERS

8:15 A.M. J. Ott, C. Byrket, C. Davis

10:45 A.M. C.McGrew, H. Nordblom, D.J. Rinker, J. Ohneck

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Hatten's

ACOLYTES

Brian Rinker & Andy Stow

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BIRTHDAYS CONTINUED

Burl Feltenberger (12)
Laurie Bushey (12)
Christina Hatten (12)
Donna McEvoy (13)

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, MAY 2

9:00 A.M. CWF Area I Spring Workshop at West Creighton

SUNDAY, MAY 3

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
7:00 P.M. Festival Choir at Memorial Baptist

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

9:00 A.M. D.M.A. to Old Bag Factory
5:30 P.M. Celebration Ringers
6:00 P.M. Supper
6:30 P.M. Chi Rho
6:30 P.M. Creative Arts

THURSDAY, MAY 7

9:30 A.M. Naomi Circle
5:30 P.M. Carillon
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

FRIDAY, MAY 8

10:00 A.M. Rachel Circle

SATURDAY, MAY 9

9:00 A.M. F.C.C. Workday at Camp Barbee

BIRTHDAYS MAY 7-13

Dave Arnos (7)
Dick Vanderwall (8)
Jackie Keller (8)
William Branstrator (8)
Alison Knappenberger (8)
Jo Ann Franklin (10)
Dan Dickey (10)
Gail Westerfield (12)
John Hoehler (12)

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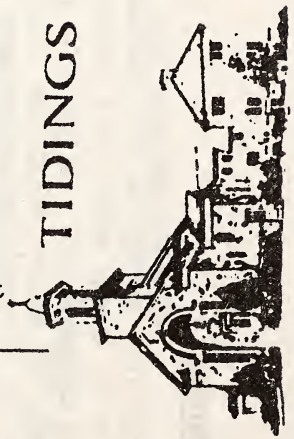

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MAY 10 - MOTHER'S DAY & TEACHER RECOGNITION

We will have a special anthem sung by the Creative Arts youth and their mothers entitled: "My Song Is Love Unknown." Valetta Parlette will be playing a special number on the piano first and second service. We will have a special reading celebrating the mothers of the world. This Sunday we will also recognize the teachers and youth sponsors who have given of their time and care in the nurture of our faith.

MAY 17 - CHOIR SUNDAY!!

The Chancel Choir and the Carillon will be leading both worship services with the anthems that have meant the most to them chosen from the year's repertoire. The Carillon has a surprise for children of all ages, and the Chancel Choir will close their season with a wonderful montage of American hymns. Margaret Prechtl, violist, will be a part of two anthems, and we will welcome back "home" John Bohlen, who, with Mike Walsh, will accompany a hymn arranged for 2 trumpets and organ. Following the service there will be a reception in Fellowship Hall for members of the congregation to meet and greet members of both choirs.

PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATE FOR MINISTER OF FAITH DEVELOPMENT - TWO-THIRDS TIME

The Search Committee received 8 applicants for the position of Minister of Faith Development. After looking at the resume's, the Committee interviewed three candidates and unanimously voted to present the **Rev. Diane L. Zehr** to the Board of Trustees for this staff position.

On April 14 the Board of Trustees met and voted unanimously to present this candidates name to the congregation this Sunday, May 10 at 9:30 a.m.

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FROM HERE TO ZEHR

This last week the events in the Rodney King trial and the violence afterwards horrified most of America. There were very few people who saw the tape of the Rodney King beating and did not believe that a great injustice was done. It was amazing to me to hear Rodney King come on the news and cry out for peace where there had been violence, even though he had experienced an extreme amount of violence in his own life.

The other amazing thing to me happened after the violence calmed down in which we see black and white, Korean and black, come together trying to find ways they could build their communities up again. The sense of the human spirit is alive and well when we see this type of work, people coming together in the midst of what seems like hopelessness and despair. The challenge for Americans after the violence has calmed down and the ruble is swept away is that we do not go back to our old ways of putting these events into our memory and not try to find some ways of help and support for those in the inner cities in our communities. For the past ten years we have seen industry pull out of the inner city and go to other countries for cheap labor and our government not having a commitment to bring industry and jobs into those areas.

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What can we do as a congregation in the city of Fort Wayne to help those in our inner city feel a sense of hope and possibilities for their future? How can we as a congregation develop a sense of mission in our community in which we become a transforming agent for teenagers and youth who have no direction in their lives? As God gave the Disciples a direction and a empowerment of the Spirit, God will also give us a sense of direction to the Spirit of God.

Peace,

Jerry

JOYS AND CONCERNS

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FOOD BANK NEEDS:

P-Nut Butter, Crackers, Soup, Tomato Sauce, Noodles, Canned Fruit, Detergent

BOARD OF TRUSTEES will meet on Tuesday, May 12, 1992 at 7:30 p.m.

SERMON PREVIEW

SERMON TITLE: THE LANGUAGE OF LOVE

SCRIPTURE: I JOHN:4:7-12

What does the writer of I John tell us is the language of love? What are the adjectives we use in this language? What are the words of action in this language of love? What type of love is the writer of I John speaking to us about? How do we express this language in our own lives?

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CYF LUNCHEON AND AUCTION, JUNE 7

Do you have a hankering for one of Pat Mullen's perfect pies or perhaps some of Sandy Zimmerman's sensational sweet rolls? How about Kris Ohneck's luscious lasagna? Do you have a birthday party coming up that would use the services of...say a magician? Are you leaving town and need a dog sitter? How about a car wash? Some babysitting? Would you like a new afghan? A quilted vest?

These ideas and more are the kinds of things we hope to solicit for the upcoming CYF auction of goods and services. The auction will be held in Fellowship Hall following second service on June 7. The proceeds will go directly to FCC's food bank.

Please give some thought to the kinds of goods and/or services you could donate to be auctioned. Here is a list of the donations so far:

- Anne Moll will bake a cake for a special occasion -
- Maggie Smith will pet-sit for up to 2 weeks -
- Jessica Hatten is donating a car washing -
- Lindsay Miller is donating 2 hours of babysitting -
- Sara Glasgow is donating 1 lawn mowing -
- Curt Miller will give 1 hour of banjo lessons -
- Roger Moll will trim bushes and trees in your yard -
- Deb Miller is donating a handcrafted folkart doll -
- The CYF group is donating 4 hours of housecleaning -

(AND THEY DO WINDOWS!!!)

We will up date the list each week as donations "roll in."

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There will be reservation cards on Sunday, May 10 and Sunday, May 17 in the church bulletin or please call the church office or Marge Thomas (745-1136) for reservations by May 24.

A CANDLE FOR PEACE, our heritage from a member of a Russian Orthodox Church through several American churches, will be lit every Sunday as a part of a growing chain of churches. The candles are being lit as a reminder of the hope for peace in the world. We are honored to have received our peace candle from the congregation of the Los Altos Christian Church in Albuquerque, New Mexico. It was given to Judy Church for us.

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May 6, 1992

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Jim Grimshaw has been our student minister for the past two and a half years. May 31 will be Jim's last Sunday with us. Students in Seminary are encouraged to have more than one field experience while going through school. We have appreciated Jim's gift of ministry, his work with the young adults, youth, and education program.

You are invited to send a gift of money as an expression of your appreciation for his ministry here at First Christian Church. We will collect these gifts and present them to him on May 31. There will be a pitch-in-luncheon after the 2nd service to say good-bye to Jim. Meat, rolls, and drinks will be provided. Please bring either a vegetable dish, a salad, or a dessert.

Peace,

Jerry E. Zehr

P.S. Send your gifts to the church and please specify that it is for the Jim Grimshaw gift.

The Search Committee is very excited about presenting a candidate of this caliber to the congregation. **Rev. Diane L. Zehr** is an ordained clergy with a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Toledo, A Master of Divinity degree from Christian Theological Seminary and two-thirds completion of a Doctorate in Ministry from Christian Theological Seminary.

Rev. Diane Zehr has served as an Associate Minister at Southport Christian Church in Indianapolis, Senior Pastor at Garden City Christian Church, Indianapolis, and the last year as Interim Associate Regional Minister for the Christian Church of Indiana.

If approved by the congregation as Minister of Faith Development, **Diane** will have particular responsibility for creating and implementing ways for a persons spiritual development that they might move towards a maturity of faith in God.

1. This will include working with the Education and Fellowship Committees who plan activities that will meet these goals, such as:

   a. Assimilation of new members
   b. Development of small groups
   c. Educational opportunities
   d. Development of opportunities for service and outreach

2. As part of the nurturing of the congregations faith development, **Diane** will participate in the pastoral care and worship leadership.

From the Search Committee

MAY 24 - ALL SAINTS DAY - MEMORIAL SUNDAY

We will remember all of the saints of our church who have died in the last two years.

MAY 31 - JIM GRIMSHAW'S LAST SUNDAY AND GRADUATES & CAMPERS RECOGNIION

Jim Grimshaw leaves the congregation at the end of May. The Fellowship Committee announces a farewell dinner on Sunday, May 31 after 10:45 a.m. worship service.

We invite members of the congregation to bring vegetable dishes, salads, and deserts. Meat, rolls, and drinks will be furnished.

Please plan to participate and let Jim know how much we have appreciated his sharing his life with all of us.

Also on this Sunday we will recognize those graduating from high school or college and our young people going to camp this summer!

SERVING MAY 10

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Bob Hendricks and Kathy Graham

10:45 A.M. Eunice Conrad and Tom Walsh

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. M. Hutchinson, T. Knuckles, C. Davis, D. Harter

10:45 A.M. E. Rieke, M. Rieke, D. Mey, D. Rinker. E. Yeoman, L. Bushey, J. Franklin, M. Orr

USHERS

8:15 A.M. J. Ott, M. Hartman, M. Hutchinson

10:45 A.M. C.McGrew, S. Brey, H. Banet, C. Falbe

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

S. Hayes - J. Kelly
T. Walsh - S. Kerley
P. Mullen - R. Merrick
B. Franklin - R. Hutchinson

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Rieke's & R. Hutchinson

ACOLYTES

Katie Moll & Kaylie Duncan

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Judy Church

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

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Jenny Zahn 9(6)

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8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Congregational Meeting
10:45 A.M. Second Worship

MONDAY, MAY 11
7:00 P.M. Christian Education Meeting

TUESDAY, MAY 12
11:30 A.M. Rebecca Circle
7:30 P.M. Board of Trustees

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13
5:15 P.M. Celebration Ringers
6:30 P.M. Party for Celebration Ringer, Chi Rho, and Creative Arts

THURSDAY, MAY 14
5:30 P.M. Carillon
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

SATURDAY, MAY 16
9:00 A.M. Rummage Sale

BIRTHDAYS MAY 14-20
Matthew Busse (14)
DEloris Anspach (15)
Lila Russell (15)
Mary New (15)
Marta Zoller (15)
Jane Wagoner (16)
Jane Vorndran (16)
John Myers (16)
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Art Thomas (18)
Earl Snoufler (19)

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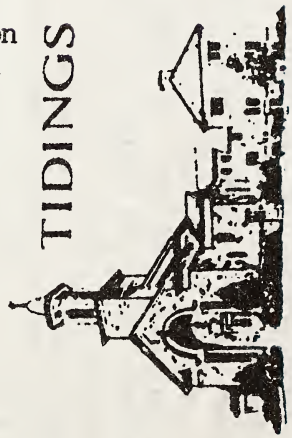

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It is an exciting time for our church as we develop new programs for the ministry to our congregation and community.

Peace,

Jerry

P.S. Helen and the choirs have worked very hard to give us a special service that will minister to us through music. You won't want to miss it!

THANK YOU'S

A big thanks to those who went to Camp Barbee last Saturday to help clean and prepare the camp for this summer's activities. Thanks go to: Maggie Smith, D.J. Rinker, Charlotte Ewing, Kristie Bastress, Donna McEvoy, Leo Heimann, Sue & Lanny Brey, Charlie Hatten, Kathy Blocher, Jim Grimshaw, Melissa & Sarah Brey, and to Ken Taylor who organized the day for us.

We managed to do some major cleaning of two cabins and a separate bathroom, repair some screen doors, and catch a few fish.

Many, many heartfelt thanks to Sue Brey (Sept. & Oct.), Sue Oden (Nov. & Dec.), Ellen Duncan (Jan. & Feb.), and Deb Rinker (March & April) for their creative ideas and craft expertise with the children in Creative Arts. The children made everything from picture frames to the figures of mother, father and child at Christmas, and so learned in many ways how to express their faith through art and sculpture and fabric.

I'm not sure if there could have been a Creative Arts without Valetta Parlette. She has accompanied the children for 8 years and has taught the children about musical expression simply because she is so musical herself. We might have had the program -- but it wouldn't have been as valuable. One such role model is worth all the words a teacher can speak. Her piano exudes character and beauty. Thank you, Vee.

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There will be reservation cards this Sunday, May 17 in the church bulletin or please call the church office or Marge Thomas (745-1136) for reservations by May 24.

A CANDLE FOR PEACE - our heritage from a member of a Russian Orthodox Church through several American churches, will be lit every Sunday as a part of a growing chain of churches. The candles are being lit as a reminder of the hope for peace in the world. We are honored to have received our peace candle from the congregation of the Los Altos Christian Church in Albuquerque, New Mexico. It was given to Judy Church for us.

D.M.A.

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A complete lasagna dinner for four from Kris Ohneck
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Professional tree or bush trimming by Roger Moll
An hour banjo lesson from Curt Miller
A handmade leaded glass piece by Linda Merrick
A handmade folk art doll by Deb Miller
5 free video coupons from Major Video
5 flashlights donated by Radio Shack
Food coupons from Burger King
A hand-wash for your car from Jessica Hatten
Lawn mowing from Sara Glasgow
Babysitting from Lindsay Miller and Maggie Smith
4 hours of house work from the CYF group - they do windows
Baked goods from Karen Bushey
2 Simpson Dolls from Burger King
$10.00 merchandise certificate from Kroger
Handmade pin and earrings by Barb Hayes
Cherry flips, pineapple flips, and turtles by Rosemary Krull
Amaretto chocolate mousse for 4 by Becky Glasgow
Weekday evening of yard work from 5:00/5:30 - dark by Kathy Blocher
2 hours carpenter or handyman work by Leo Heimann
(1) Powerwheel's ride on toy by Jane Walsh
Paper bag basket (white & pink) by Sue Brey

The list is growing.....thanks to a generous and concerned congregation!

We have been contacting merchants for donations. Please consider your place of employment as a possible contributor. We will send letters of verification for tax purposes on request. The CYF group has high hopes that this fund raiser will financially boost the food banks power to contribute to the needy of Fort Wayne while also providing an afternoon of fun for one and all.

To donate items for the auction, please call Deb or Curt Miller at 456-4028 or fill in the cards available during the Sunday worship services. The cards may be dropped into the collection plate or turned in to the office.

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Dr. John O. Humbert

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Jim Grimshaw has been our student minister for the past two and a half years. May 31 will be Jim's last Sunday with us. Students in Seminary are encouraged to have more than one field experience while going through school. We have appreciated Jim's gift of ministry, his work with the young adults, youth, and education program.

You are invited to send a gift of money as an expression of your appreciation for his ministry here at First Christian Church. We will collect these gifts and present them to him on May 31. There will be a pitch-in-luncheon after the 2nd service to say good-bye to Jim. Meat, rolls, and drinks will be provided. Please bring either a vegetable dish, a salad, or a dessert.

Peace,

Jerry E. Zehr

P.S. Send your gifts to the church and please specify that it is for the Jim Grimshaw gift.

DISCIPLE DIALOGUE ON THE CHURCH
A Conference of Perspectives Across the Theological Spectrum
Christian Theological Seminary

Christian Theological Seminary is sponsoring a "Disciple Dialogue on the Church: A Conference of Perspectives Across the Theological Spectrum" on Thursday, May 28, 1992, 9:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Seminary, 1000 W. 42nd Street, Indianapolis, IN 46208-0267. All are invited.

The conference concerns the life of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). It will center on the question, "What is the nature and mission of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) today?" The conference will be structured around five presentations on this question from different perspectives along the theological spectrum in the denomination. Each presentation will be no more than thirty minutes in length and will be followed by a response of no more than ten minutes in length. Participants will discuss the presentation and the response.

Presenters

1. David Darnell, pastor First Christian Church, Plano, TX
2. Cynthia Hale, pastor, Ray of Hope Christian Church, Decatur, GA
3. René Jensen, pastor, Third Christian Church, Indianapolis, IN
4. Charles Bayer, pastor, First Christian Church, St. Joseph, MO
5. Joe Jones, Dean, Christian Theological Seminary

Respondents

1. Barbara Blaisdell, pastor, Central Christian Church, Indianapolis, IN
2. Gay Reese, pastor, Carmel Christian Church Carmel, IN
3. Raymond Brown, Interim President, Church Finance Council
4. Kevin Ray, Director, Disciple Renewal, Lovington, IL
5. Richard Bowman, pastor, First Christian Church, Decatur, IL

The conference will also include a panel who will offer comments, raise questions and voice other perspectives. The panel includes Toni Bynum of the Div. of Homeland Ministries, Don Manworren of the office of the General Minister and President, Ed Weisheimer, Regional Minister of the Christian Church in Indiana, Jerry Briscoe, pastor of Greenwood Christian Church (Indianapolis), Steven Christy, pastor of First Christian Church of Greensburg, Indiana, and several faculty members of Christian Theological Seminary.

A banquet will conclude the day. C. William Nichols, President and General Minister of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will reflect on the day's events.

All who are interested are invited to attend. Please return the following registration, by Thursday, May 21, 1992, to Christian Theological, 1000 W. 42nd Street, Indianapolis, IN 46208-0267; phone 317-923-1331; FAX 317-923-1961 *2. If you have questions, please call Ronald Allen, convener of the conference.

The registration fee is $15.00. This covers the cost of the banquet. Lunch will be available at the seminary with participants on their own.

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Please register me for the Conference.

Name______________________________ Congregation or Agency ____________________

Address ______________________________ City __________________ Zip __________

Please check one of the following:

_____ Yes, I will be present for the banquet at 6:00 p.m.

_____ No, I will not be present for the banquet

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GATHERING OF MEN - MONDAY, MAY 18, 7:00 P.M.

If you are a man at First Christian and wanting to have fellowship and good discussion, come and join us on Monday night, May 18. Our discussion has focused on 3 areas of masculinity and spirituality. We have a great time of sharing. Come and join us!

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USHERS

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SATURDAY, MAY 16

9:00 A.M. Rummage Sale

SUNDAY, MAY 17

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9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Second Worship

5:00 P.M. Festival Choir at Lincolnshire

MONDAY, MAY 18

7:00 P.M. Men's Gathering

TUESDAY, MAY 19

6:30 P.M. Sarah Circle to Casa D'Angelo's

BIRTHDAYS MAY 21-27

Hazel Crouse (21)
Bob Hendricks (21)
Amy Jenkins (21)
Shawn Spencer (22)
Jay Bixenman (23)
Jennifer Mounsey (23)
Virginia Bruckman (25)
Donald C. Smith (25)
Harold Nordblom (26)
Kenneth Hunt (26)
Kristin Byers (26)
Andrew Stow (26)

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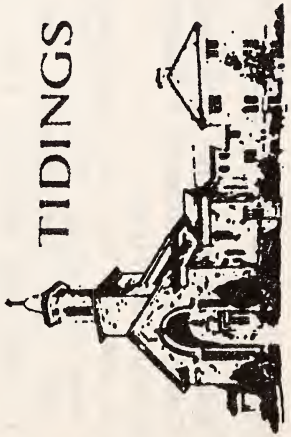

JOYS & CONCERNS

Our sympathy is extended to Bill & Ginny Johnson in the recent death of Bill's brother last week.

Our prayers are with Walter Bowen this week as he is having tests.

Mildred Hartman had cataract surgery last week.

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MEMORIAL SUNDAY - ALL SAINTS DAY

This Sunday we will be remembering the saints who have passed away over the last two years. It is important to remember those who have come before us and given of themselves for God's church. This will be our 40th anniversary of being at this site. Forty years ago there were many saints of our church who had the vision to build this building and have a place where we could worship in the south part of Fort Wayne. Let us come to worship this Sunday to remember those who have come before us and given of their lives for the building of God's Kingdom.

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JUNE 7 - PENTECOST SUNDAY - OFFICERS, DIACONATE, ELDERS, CHAIRPERSONS INSTALLATION

This Sunday we will install the new officers and leaders of our congregation for 1992-1993 year. We hope all of our leaders will be here in worship for the installation and members of the congregation will come to offer their support and prayers for these leaders who will give us of their time and guidance for the next year.

ALSO THE YOUTH AUCTION IS RIGHT AFTER SECOND SERVICE ON THIS SUNDAY.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS will meet on Tuesday, May 26 at 7:00 p.m.

COMMITTEES will meet at 7:30 p.m. on May 26. Christian Education will not meet.

FROM HERE TO ZEHR

This coming Sunday we will celebrate all the Saints of our church who have died in the past two years. This last week we celebrated the life of Hazel Crouse who passed away. Hazel was one of the Saints of our church. In her younger days, she gave much of her time and energy for God's church. Her attitude was one of what she could do for the church, not what the church could do for her. Her life is a witness of her commitment and understanding of what it means to be a Christian.

As we celebrate All Saints Day in our church, it would be a time for all of us to reflect on our commitment to Christ and our sense of giving of ourselves to the building of God's Kingdom. What is our attitude when we come to worship? Is it one of what we can get out of the church or how we can help build the body of Christ and God's church in a better way?

Hope to see you Sunday.

Peace,

Jerry

JOYS & CONCERNS

Walter Bowen is a patient at Lutheran Hospital.

Our sympathy is with the family of Hazel Crouse who passed away last week.

Our sympathy is also extended to the family of Mary Piatt who passed away last week.

JOYS & CONCERNS CONTINUED

Eileen Klepfer was in an automobile accident last week and is recovering at home.

Jessie Fern Woodward is home recovering from outpatient surgery.

A BIG THANK YOU!

Many thanks to all who donated items for the Rummage Sale last week, all who helped with the sale, and all who made goodies for the Bake Sale.

Our profit for the sale is $700.00 plus! Thanks again to all!

My family and I appreciate the kind expressions of sympathy from the congregation of First Christian Church and the ministers upon the death of my brother, John F. Johnson. He was the only other living member of my immediate family and is sorely missed.

Sincerely,
Bill Johnson

YOUTH MINISTRIES COUNCIL meeting on Sunday, May 24, 12:15 p.m. after second service.

LOST.....

The usher keys have disappeared from the Narthex. If you may have taken them home by mistake, please return as soon as possible. Thank you!

MEN'S CHOIR

On June 18, 7:00 p.m., the men of First Christian Church are invited to come and practice an anthem that the men will be singing on Father's Day, June 21. We invite all the men, even those who have not sung in the choir in the past, to come and sing. It is an easy anthem but one that will be uplifting for the congregation.

PENTECOST OFFERING FOR BASIC MISSION FINANCE HIGHLIGHTS REGIONAL MINISTRIES

The 1992 Pentecost Special Day Offering, to be received May 31 and June 7, lifts up the work of the 36 regions of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

In 1991, more than $8 million in Basic Mission Finance money went back to the regions for programs that strengthen congregations and extend their ministries.

In Florida, a winter retreat for young adults focused on racism and socio-economic issues.

In Washington state, the Northwest Region sponsored a three-day workshop on the church of the future.

In Mid-America, a Global Awareness Seminar allowed high school students to spend a week in the nation's capital, seeing our government at work and discussing issues from a Christian perspective.

The ministries of your region are extensions of your ministries. Support them through Basic Mission Finance.

D.M.A. NEWS

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THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE will be submitting the following to the Board of Trustees meeting on June 9:

By-Laws Article V Standing Policy -

Motion: I move to amend the Vacation Policy as stated in the 1984 Policy by changing Item #3 to read as follows:

3. Part Time Staff - Two weeks vacation after one year of service

Dick Vanderwall,
Chairman, Personnel Committee

PLEASE NOTE.....

Due to the Memorial Day weekend, there will not be a newsletter next week.

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NEW ITEMS DONATED:

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A cake by Elinor Place
2 hours of tutoring in chemistry by George Davis
Dinner for 2 at the Elegant Farmer Restaurant by Grant & Jessie Fern Woodward (with or without the Woodward's, your choice!)
1 hour labor toward string instrument repair or parts replacement by Don Parlette

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12:15 P.M. Youth Ministries Council

MONDAY, MAY 25
OFFICE CLOSED

TUESDAY, MAY 26
5:45 P.M. Softball Game at Franke Park
7:00 P.M. Committee Chairs
7:30 P.M. Committees

SATURDAY, MAY 30
8:00 A.M. Golf Outing

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12:00 NOON Jim Grimshaw's Farewell Dinner

MONDAY, JUNE 1
6:30 P.M. CWF Spring Banquet

TUESDAY, JUNE 2
5:45 P.M. Softball Game at Franke Park
7:00 P.M. Committee Chairs (Selection of NEW COMMITTEES)

THURSDAY, JUNE 4
9:30 A.M. Naomi Circle

BIRTHDAYS MAY 28 - JUNE 9
Gene Klepfer (28)
Pat Mullen (28)
Carolyn Austin (29)
Molly Baughman (29)
Diane Howard (31)
Arthur Chevalier (1)
Mike McFarland (1)
Rose Gaskill (3)
Susan Stow (3)
Chris Hall (3)
David Rinker (5)
Ralph Church (6)
Terry Walters (6)
Spiro Olympidis (6)
Virginia Snouffer (7)
Ron Kiger (8)
Pat Spangle (8)
Irene Kissinger (9)
Don Oden (9)
Jane Hants (9)
Virginia Englehart (9)

SCHEDULE OF SOFTBALL GAMES THROUGH JUNE:

May 26 - 5:45 p.m. at Franke Park
June 2 - 5:45 p.m. at Franke Park
June 9 - 8:15 p.m. at Franke Park
June 16- 5:25 p.m. at Lawton #2
June 23- 7:00 p.m. at Franke Park
June 30- 9:30 p.m. at Franke Park

TEAM ROSTER: Larry Brey, Mark Arnold, Melissa Orr, Graham Baughman, Kirk & Shawn Spencer, Mike McFarland, Charlie Hatten, Jerry Zehr, Leo Heimann, Dustin McEvoy, Tom Walsh, Dan Mounsey, Brian Prechtl, Kevin Mory, Kathy Blocher. Coached by Scott Miller and Woodie Klepfer.

SERMON TITLE: CLOUD OF WITNESSES

SCRIPTURE: HEBREW 12:1-3

Who are the cloud of witnesses that Paul is speaking about in the Epistle of Hebrew? Who are the cloud of witnesses in our day? Paul speaks about the race that is marked out for us. What is the race that he is speaking about?

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BOFFOWITS COOKOUT ON JUNE 6 AT 4:00 P.M.

Boffowits Sunday School class will be having a cookout at Jim & Karen Bushey's house. The hot dogs and bratwurst will be provided. People are encouraged to bring salad or dessert.

C.W.F. SPRING BANQUET - MONDAY, JUNE 1

The C.W.F. Spring Banquet will be on Monday, June 1, 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. $4.00 suggested donation. We will be serving Japanese food and the program will be presented by the Mildred's about Japan.

Call the church office or Edna Nordblom for your reservation.

SERVING MAY 24

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Bill Crouse and Bill Johnson

10:45 A.M. Bill Franklin and Pat Mullen

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. K. Blocher, B. Hen-, dricks, G. Brown, T. Knuckles

10:45 A.M. K.Taylor,D.Kreischer, J. Kelly, B. Kelly, C. Hatten, T. Hatten, J. Hatten, M. Mullen

USHERS

8:15 A.M. J. Ott, C. Ewing, E. Snouffer

10:45 A.M. C.McGrew, D. Rinker, B. Glasgow, H. Nordblom

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

B. Hendricks - D. Rinker

D. Keebortz - R. Moll

K. Ohneck - C. Murray

M. Hartman - M. Quick

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Laura McFarland

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Judy & Ralph Church

EVANGELISM CALLERS

TEAM I-Bob & Bev Hendricks

TEAM II-Betty Grimm & Tami Dailey

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Dick Mory

10:45 A.M. Jim Newton

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NO COFFEE HOUR - JIM GRIMSHAW'S RECEPTION

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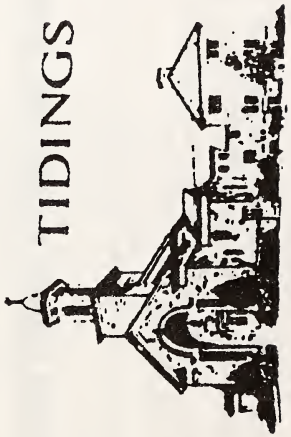

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JUNE 7 - PENTECOST SUNDAY

The first Pentecost, God's spirit came upon the Disciples and filled them with a power and joy that made them burst into wild jubilation. This Sunday we hope to have that same celebration as we awaken to God's spirit that will empower us to courageous words and acts of ministry.

OFFICERS, DIACONATE, ELDERS, CHAIRPERSONS FOR 1992-93 WILL BE INSTALLED IN THE SECOND SERVICE THIS SUNDAY.

ALSO

YOUTH AUCTION AFTER SECOND SERVICE.

Come one, come all to the CYF goods and services auction THIS SUNDAY, JUNE 7TH following second service.

We will begin by serving Charlie Hatten's famous chili lunch for $1.00 and then our volunteer auctioneers will present the many wonderful items and services for you to bid on.

If you haven't donated an item yet, but intend to, please call the church office or Deb or Curt Miller before Saturday to let us know of your intention.

Many of the items are on a "will call" basis which will allow you to arrange for the delivery at your convenience.

Please plan to stay after church this Sunday and support the efforts of the high school youth group. The entire proceeds from this fund raiser will go directly to FCC's food bank.

Come and eat - begin your Christmas shopping by being the highest bidder. You won't be sorry that you did.

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES will meet on Tuesday, June 9, 1992 at 7:30 p.m.

FROM HERE TO ZEHR

Last Sunday was a Sunday of mixed emotions. We were all glad to see Jim Grimshaw continue his seminary experience towards ordination but also sad to see him leave. The congregation gave him a gift of $620 and a beautiful stole with the disciple chalice. The dinner was delicious and the Chi Rho and Young Adults did a great job with their skits. Dressing up as Batman was quite an experience. I did get a couple of cat-calls when I was in the leotards, but Batman will have to go into the closet. If you didn't see it, too bad! I am not making any special appearances!! I mean there is a limit - even for this minister.

Hope to see you Sunday.

Peace,

Jerry

P.S. Through the summer everyone will be going on vacation, but I hope you won't vacate the church. For some of us we give when we come to church and when we miss a couple of Sunday's, we miss in our giving. Please remember the church needs your support through the summer, even if you are not present.

JOYS & CONCERNS

Walter Bowen is a patient at Lutheran Hospital.

Jack Phillips has gone home from Lutheran Hospital.

Bernice Montgomery is a patient at St. Joseph Medical Center.

Adam Hayes is at home recovering from a car accident.

THANK YOU!

I wish to express a warm and heartfelt thanks to all those who expressed their love and sympathy, and for each one who chose to make a final tribute to Hazel by contributing to the Church Endowment Fund as their preferred memorial.

We treasure your thoughts and are thankful we were able to share Hazel's life with you.

Bill Crouse

WELCOME NEW MEMBER!!

Shannon Jones transferred her membership to First Christian Church last Sunday. Shannon's address is: 1218 W. Washington Blvd. 46802; phone - 422-7321. Shannon is Ruby Mowery's granddaughter. Welcome Shannon!

MEN'S CHORUS FOR FATHER'S DAY

All men in the congregation who enjoy singing are invited to be a part of a men's chorus singing for Father's Day. This is your chance, guys! The ladies sang Mother's Day.

June 18 - 7:00 p.m. Rehearsal
June 21 - "PERFORMANCE"

Please come!

LOST.....

The usher keys have disappeared from the Narthex. If you may have taken them home by mistake, please return as soon as possible. Thank you!

THERE WILL NOT BE A TIDINGS NEWSLETTER NEXT WEEK AS DIANE JOHNSON WILL BE OUT OF TOWN AT A COMPUTER SEMINAR.

BOFFOWITS COOK-OUT JUNE 6 AT 4:00 P.M.

Graduation Reunion - bring your high school yearbook and a salad or dessert. Hot dogs and bratwurst will be provided.

DIRECTIONS: Paulding Road to Winchester Road, turn south.
Winchester Road to Winterset, turn left.
Winterset to Blue Mist, turn left.
Third house on right - 6711

We will have a great time down memory lane. Our Sunday School class will meet in the parlor for June and July.

ELDERS & DIACONATE

JUNE 16 - 7:00 P.M.

Please note change of time - our orientation meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. This is for all members of these two groups. We will coordinate serving, homebound, and other responsibilities. If you cannot be there, please call and let me know.

Rev. Jerry Zehr

GOLF OUTING - RAINED OUT!

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If you are interested in attending the Regional Assembly you may pick up a registration form from the church office. We need 4 voting delegates. The church will pay for your registration. See the insert in the newsletter for more information.

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, JUNE 6
4:00 P.M. Boffowits Party at Jim & Karen Bushey's

SUNDAY, JUNE 7
8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
9:30 A.M. "Together in Jesus' Name" S.S. Class
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
12:00 NOON CYF Luncheon & Auction
7:00 P.M. Festival Choir at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Harlan, Indiana

TUESDAY, JUNE 9
7:30 P.M. Board of Trustees
8:15 P.M. Softball Game

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10
9:00 A.M. D.M.A. to Senior Citizen's Picnic at Franke Park

FRIDAY, JUNE 12
1:00 P.M. Rachel Circle at the Orchard Inn

SUNDAY, JUNE 14
8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
9:30 A.M. "Together in Jesus' Name" S.S. Class
10:45 A.M. Second Worship

TUESDAY, JUNE 16
5:25 P.M. Softball Game at Lawton #2
7:00 P.M. Elders & Diaconate Orientation

THURSDAY, JUNE 18
7:00 P.M. Men's Choir Practic

SERMON PREVIEW

SERMON: LET THE SON SHINE IN

SCRIPTURE: ACTS 2:1-21

What was the noise, the rushing wind that filled the house? What is the importance of this story being included in Acts? Is there any relevance for us today?

REGIONS HELP CONGREGATIONS MINISTER MORE EFFECTIVELY

Through its 36 regions, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is providing resources and opportunities for congregations to carry out their ministries more effectively. The ministries are as diverse as the regions themselves and the congregations that compose them.

Camps and conferences, leadership-training events, new congregation establishment, global-mission partnerships, nurturance and counseling of clergy families, women's minsitries, retreats -- the list could go on. All are ministries that strengthen congregations and enable them to reach out beyond their own communities with the good news of God's love.

This year's observance of the Pentecost Special Day Offering for Basic Mission Finance features the work of the regions. Your generous gifts to the Pentecost Offering this Sunday, June 7, will help your region to assist you in minstry at home and around the world.

D.M.A. NEWS

Wednesday, June 10, Senior Citizens Picnic at Foellinger Theatre in Franke Park from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

We will meet outside the Theatre entrance at 8:45 a.m., and go in together.

ALSO

TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 12:00 NOON - POTLUCK MEAL AT THE CHURCH IN FELLOWSHIP HALL. WE WILL EAT TOGETHER, PLAY SOME GAMES, BINGO -- AND MAYBE A SPECIAL APPEARANCE BY BATMAN!

FOOD BANK NEEDS: P-Nut Butter, Crackers, Soup, Tomato Sauce, Noodles, Canned Fruit, Detergent

SERVING JUNE 7

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Mildred Hartman and Bob Hendricks

10:45 A.M. Tom Walsh and Curt Miller

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. R. Merrick, M. Hutchinson, B. Hendricks, C. Davis

10:45 A.M. B. Kerley, S. Kerley, J. Franklin, E. Rieke, D. Mey, D. Rinker, E. Yeoman, M. Rieke

USHERS

8:15 A.M. J. Ott, M. Hartman, M. Hutchinson

10:45 A.M. C.McGrew, S. Brey, C. Falbe, W. Bowen

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

D. Oden - M. Orr

J. Weicker - C. Davis

B. Johnson - S. Oden

M. Crouse - K. Taylor

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Murray's, J. Walsh, M. Walsh

ACOLYTES

Kaylie Duncan & Jamie Bushey

EXTENDED SESSION I LEADER

Mike Walsh

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

EVANGELISM CALLERS

TEAM I-Jean & Chuck McGrew

TEAM II-Ralph & Judy Church

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Alison Knappenberger

10:45 A.M. Larry Brey

SERVING JUNE 14

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Kathy Graham Charles Ludwig

10:45 A.M. Janet Weicker Bill Franklin

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. T. Knuckles, K. Blocher, B. Hendricks, C.Davis

10:45 A.M. J.Walsh, M.Walsh, R.Stover, R.Hutchinson, S. Brey, L.Brey, B.Glasgow, M.Orr

USHERS

8:15 A.M. J. Ott, J. Young, L. Merrick

10:45 A.M. C.McGrew, D.McEvoy, B. Glasgow, D.J. Rinker

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Murray's, J.Walsh, M.Walsh

ACOLYTES

Holly Falbe & Kristen Geroff

EXTENDED SESSION I LEADER

Judy Church

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

EVANGELISM CALLERS

TEAM I-Molly & Graham Baughman

TEAM II-J.Truesdell & B. Smith

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10:45 A.M. Linda Stover

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GATHERING OF MEN - MONDAY, JUNE 22 - 7:00 P.M.

If you are a man at First Christian and wanting to have fellowship and good discussion, come and join us on Monday night, June 22. Our discussion has focused on 3 areas of masculinity and spirituality. We have a great time of sharing. Come and join us!

D.M.A. NEWS

Tuesday, June 23, 12:00 noon - potluck meal at the church in fellowship hall. We will eat together, play some games (bingo) -- and maybe a special appearance by Batman!

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NEW COMMITTEES WILL MEET ON TUESDAY, JUNE 23 AND JUNE 30 AT 7:00 P.M.

AREA I BOARD WILL MEET MONDAY, JUNE 29 AT FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, AUBURN

FROM HERE TO ZEHR

I am writing this before I go on vacation because I will be just arriving back at the church on June 17. I am looking forward to being with you this Sunday for Father's Day. I will have a special and different Father's Day sermon. We will also have some special music. I hope that you will be able to be with us.

Peace,

Jerry

JOYS & CONCERNS

Walter Bowen has gone to stay at his son's home for several weeks. Address is: Walter Bowen, c/o Steve and Kay Bowen, 882 Branford Road, Troy, OH 45373.

Barbara Rumpel had cataract surgery on June 2.

FOOD BANK NEEDS:

Crackers, Macaroni & Cheese Dinners, Spaghetti Sauce, Toilet Tissue, Jello, Jelly, Fruit Juice

The month of May we served 52 families which amounted to 196 individuals or 2,940 estimated meals.

The 23 Associated Churches Food Banks are averaging 3,000 to 3,200 individuals monthly.

We wish to thank the CYF group for their contribution and all the work that they put into raising money for the Food Bank!!

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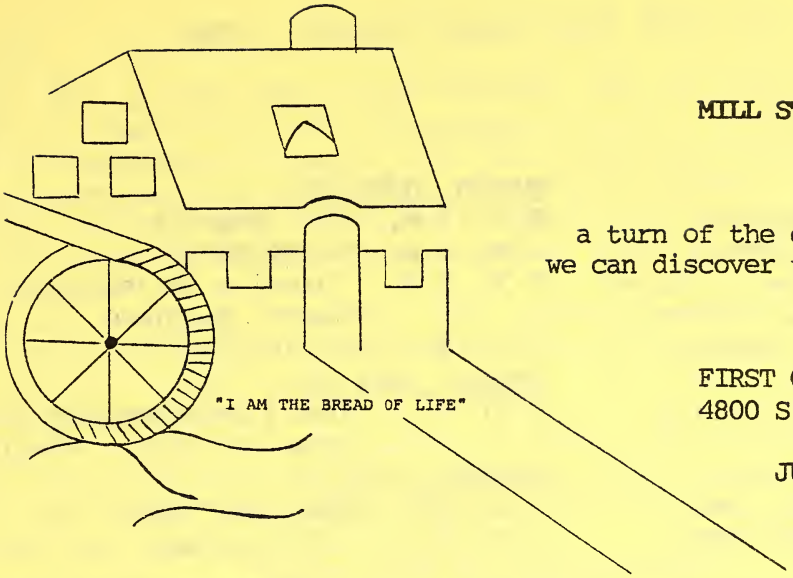
SPEAKERS: **C. William Nichols,** General Minister and President of the Christian Church in the United States and Canada.

C. Edward Weisheimer, Regional Minister of the Christian Church in Indiana.

Norma Sue White, a laywomen from New Salisbury, is serving her second term as moderator of the Christian Church in Indiana.

WORKSHOPS INCLUDE: A Forum on the "State of the Church", AIDS: Beyond the Myth, Tales of the Heart, Columbus 1992 Observance - A Re-Examination, The Celebration of the Lord's Supper, Authority of the Scripture, Visions of Unity, What's My Fair Share: A Look at Global Justice for Christians, Celebrating God's Call to Ministry, Shaping the Church' Evangelism Strategy, Overcoming the Divisions of the World in the Life of the Church, and Stewardship of the Resources of the Earth.

MUSIC NOTES - Helen was out of the office June 12-15 with the Festival Choir on tour in southern Indiana. She will be in South Bend, Indiana June 21-25 for the National Handbell Ringers Festival.



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JULY 20-23...6:30-8:45 pm

DON'T MISS IT!

VISIT MILL STREET THIS SUMMER - JULY 20-23

There will be something for every age person to do and learn at Mill Street during our week of Vacation Bible School this year.

You might run into Farmer Brey in the Barn building things or meet the Ringmaster at the Big Top for some fun. You'll visit Granny's kitchen to sit a spell, have some of her great cooking and hear her stories or you might like the Old Mill where the Professor will help us discover how God has created our world to work to provide the bread of life we all need.

- 2 years to kindergarten age will have a class
- 1 to 5th graders will have family groups led by our adult guides
- Chi Rho & CYF'ers can sign up to work in the centers AND
- Adults will have a class led by Rev. Jerry Zehr called "Hungry Hearts - Abundant Life"

Each night we'll all start out in the Nickelodeon. Through all these evenings we want to explore how Jesus is **THE BREAD OF LIFE** that makes for abundant life on **MILL STREET.**

RESERVE A PLACE FOR ME AT MILL STREET_____
(Name)

I WOULD LIKE TO HELP WITH MILL STREET_____
(Name)

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JUNE 21
8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
9:30 A.M. "Together in Jesus' Name" S.S. Class
10:45 A.M. Second Worship

MONDAY, JUNE 22
7:00 P.M. Men's Gathering

TUESDAY, JUNE 23
12:00 NOON D.M.A. Potluck
7:00 P.M. Softball Game
7:00 P.M. NEW COMMITTEES

SATURDAY, JUNE 27
3:00 P.M. Chancel & Carillon Choir party at Orr's

SUNDAY, JUNE 28
8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
9:30 A.M. "Together in Jesus' Name" S.S. Class
10:45 A.M. Second Worship

MONDAY, JUNE 29
6:30 P.M. Area I Board meeting at First Christian, Auburn

TUESDAY, JUNE 30
7:00 P.M. NEW COMMITTEES
9:30 P.M. Softball Game

BIRTHDAYS JUNE 25-JULY 8

Beth Doehrman (25)
Lois Buchanan (27)
Connie Kampenga (28)
Dwain Graham (28)
Mildred Hartman (29)
Mildred Linn (29)
Tom Rayl (29)
Cheryl Connett (30)
Marilyn Butler (1)
Schellie Englehart (1)
Steve Kreischer (2)
Shirley Dibble (3)
Miles Zimmerman, Jr. (4)
Paul Waugh (5)
Michael Piatt (5)
Mai Pauley (5)
Peggy Wells (6)
John Clevenger (7)
Lola Miller (8)
George Ludwig (8)

WE STILL HAVE 4 OPENINGS TO GO SEE THE CHICAGO CUBS AND THE CINCINNATI REDS ON TUESDAY, JULY 7. COST: $27.00 PER PERSON. CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE IMMEDIATELY IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN GOING!!

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THERE WILL NOT BE A NEWSLETTER NEXT WEEK AS DIANE JOHNSON WILL BE ON VACATION.

WOW!!! THE CYF AUCTION MADE $895.52!!!

The CYF Auction was a huge success! Fun was had by all as we ate, laughed and tried to out bid one another - all for a very good cause.

We are delighted to report that the Foellinger Foundation, through a matching grant program, will match the money we raised at our auction - dollar for dollar. Your donations, coupled with the Foundation's support will add almost $1,800.00 to the fund that helps feed the needy families of Fort Wayne.

We want to thank all those who donated and/or purchased items, "Chef" Charlie Hatten for the chili, the Auctioneers, our sexton, John Perry, and also those who were unable to attend but supported us prayerfully and financially.

Thanks to you and your generosity FCC's high school youth group had another successful experience. As a final note - we issue a challenge to the Jr. High group (Chi Rho) to raise as much or more money for the Food Bank with their own project next year!

THANKS AGAIN FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!

Lindsay Miller, Sara Glasgow, Kelly Walsh, Maggie Smith, Dan Moll, Jessica Hatten, Becky Krull, Anne and Roger Moll, and Curt and Deb Miller

CHANCEL & CARILLON CHOIR PARTY

Choir members and special guests plan to attend party at Bob and Loretta Orr's, June 27 beginning at 3:00 p.m.

Please bring a covered dish, lawn chairs, a white elephant gift and loose change. We are going to have an auction - should be a lot of fun!

Directions to the Orr's home are available in the church office.

If you have any questions, call Brenda Kelly - 745-0800.

GOLF OUTING - RESCHEDULED

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SERVING JUNE 21

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Sam Hayes and Delores Keebortz

10:45 A.M. Dick Vanderwall and Pat Mullen

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. Jt. Myers, J. Myers, D. Harter, G. Brown

10:45 A.M. K.Taylor, D.Kreischer, J. Kelly, B. Kelly, C. Hatten, T. Hatten, J. Hatten, M. Mullen

USHERS

8:15 A.M. J. Ott, C. Ewing, E. Snouffer

10:45 A.M. C.McGrew, H. Nordblom, C. Falbe, J. Ohneck

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D. Oden - E. Yeoman

Jt. Weicker - S. Oden

C. Ludwig - N. Knappenberger

C. Miller - C. Hatten

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B. Glasgow & G. Brown

ACOLYTES

Brian Rinker & Andy Stow

EXTENDED SESSION I LEADER

Karen Bushey

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Charles & Jean McGrew

EVANGELISM CALLERS

TEAM I-Pat Mullen & Rosie Krull

TEAM II-M.Hartman & M.Hutchinson

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Bobbi Lindsay

10:45 A.M. Lois Finkhousen

SERVING JUNE 28

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Jack Weicker and Bill Johnson

10:45 A.M. Gene Klepfer and Don Oden

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. M. Hutchinson, N. Knappenberger, G. Brown, B. Hendricks

10:45 A.M. S. Oden, L. Bushey, M. Orr, D. Mey, C. Murray, S. Murray, M. Quick, K. Tobias

USHERS

8:15 A.M. J. Ott, C. Byrket, C. Davis

10:45 A.M. C.McGrew, E. Nordblom, D. Kreischer, D. McEvoy

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ACOLYTES

Katie Moll & Kaylie Duncan

EXTENDED SESSION I LEADER

Laura McFarland

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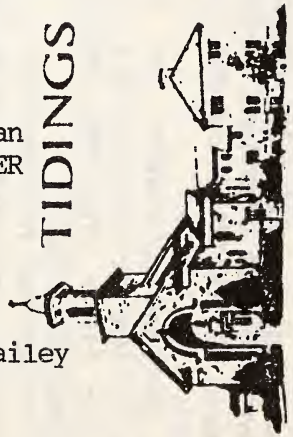

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THIS SUNDAY

WELCOME REV. DIANE ZEHR

July 1, Diane Zehr will begin her ministry as Minister of Faith Development (two-thirds time).

Diane has already been working with the Education Committee getting Vacation Bible School underway and the summer Sunday School program. As well as working with the Education and Fellowship Committees, Diane will help in pastoral care, being liturgist, and preaching occasionally.

Rev. Diane Zehr has a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Winsor University, Winsor, Canada, a Master of Divinity Degree from Christian Theological Seminary, and ordained in 1984 by the Christian Church of Indiana. Diane is half way towards completion of her Doctorate Degree. She has been an Associate at Southport Christian Church, Indianapolis, Indiana, and Senior Pastor at Garden City Christian Church, Indianapolis, Indiana. She has served the last year as Associate Regional Minister of the Christian Church of Indiana.

We are looking forward to having Diane on staff. Come this Sunday and welcome her as one of our ministers.

D.M.A. NEWS

All those going to the Chicago Cubs/Cincinnati Reds baseball game on Tuesday, July 7 should be at the church at **8:15 a.m.**

ALSO..... We will be going to Cornwell's Turkeyville at Marshall, Michigan on Wednesday, September 2 to see **"NUNSENSE".** Cost for ticket and meal is $20.95. We will eat dinner at noon with the show beginning at 2:00 p.m. Cost of transportation will depend on the number of persons going (either by bus or cars). Deadline to sign up is Friday, July 31. Call the church office today for your reservation!

FROM HERE TO ZEHR

On July 20-23 our Fellowship Hall will be transformed into a street in the turn of the century. A big top, Granny's kitchen, the barn, a professor's house, the Nickelodeon, and much more. I will be teaching a class for adults called Hungry Hearts - Abundant Life. This will be for those who are searching for a deeper faith, a renewed faith, or beginning your faith journey. It is in the evening this year so that adults can bring their children and join in the fun! I hope you try to be a part of this church wide event and invite some children that you may know who don't go to church anywhere. Offer to bring them so that they can hear the good news of Jesus Christ!

See you Sunday!

Jerry

P.S. When you call our home make sure you specify which Rev. Zehr the message is for since there are two of us on staff!

JOYS & CONCERNS

Walter Bowen is back home from his sons.

Terry King is a patient at Lutheran Hospital.

Congratulations to Robert Pauley and his new bride who were married here last week!

60TH ANNIVERSARY.....

Please join our families on this joyous occasion when our parents Avis and Maurice Thompson celebrate 60 years of marriage at a Reception on August 9 from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. at Robin Run Village Tower, 5354 W. 62nd St., Indianapolis, IN.

Your friendship is a cherished gift. We respectfully request no other.

This is a SURPISE! Lynn and I are compiling a scrapbook of memories from family and friends. We'd love to have a memory of yours to include. Please mail it to me as soon as possible. My address is:

Sue Owens
16569 162nd Pl. SE
Renton, WA 98058

NEW VISITORS IN WORSHIP ON JUNE 28.....

Jayeson Hicks, 4616 S. Hanna St.; Jacob Smelser, 536-2 Wallen Hills Drive; Kevin Piekarski, 1915 Shorecrest Drive.

FOOD BANK NEEDS:

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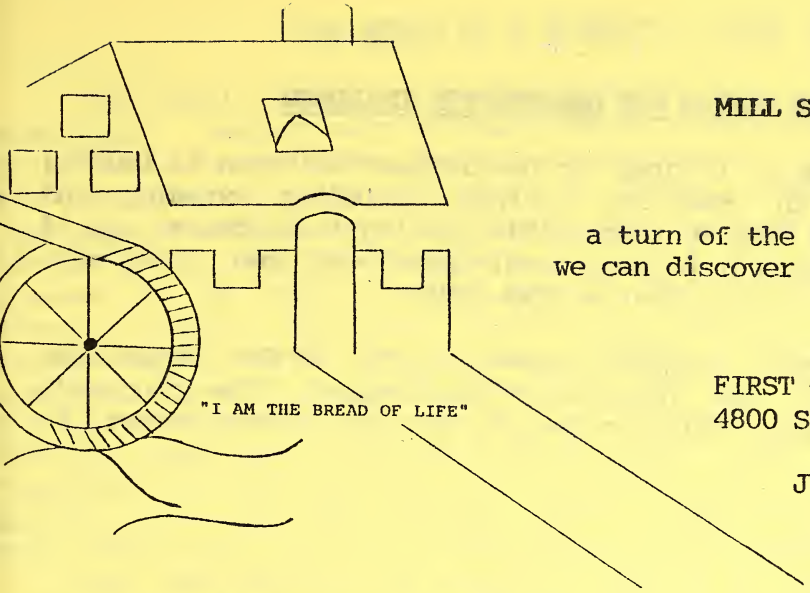

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You might run into Farmer Brey in the Barn building things or meet the Ringmaster at the Big Top for some fun. You'll visit Granny's kitchen to sit a spell, have some of her great cooking and hear her stories or you might like the Old Mill where the Professor will help us discover how God has created our world to work to provide the bread of life we all need.

- 2 years to kindergarten age will have a class
- 1 to 5th graders will have family groups led by our adult guides
- Chi Rho & CYF'ers can sign up to work in the centers AND
- Adults will have a class led by Rev. Jerry Zehr called "Hungry Hearts - Abundant Life"

Each night we'll all start out in the Nickelodeon. Through all these evenings we want to explore how Jesus is **THE BREAD OF LIFE** that makes for abundant life on **MILL STREET.**

RESERVE A PLACE FOR ME AT MILL STREET_____
(Name)

I WOULD LIKE TO HELP WITH MILL STREET_____
(Name)

VOLUNTEERS WANTED FOR HANDICAPPED CHILDREN

The Summer Enrichment Program for Handicapped Children is looking for volunteers to help with community outings, including swimming and field trips. Volunteers must be responsible, caring individuals, age 14 or older, who are interested in helping handicapped children. For more information, call Director Marty Hoar at 493-1383.

The Summer Enrichment Program serves around 40 Fort Wayne-area children who are mentally and physically handicapped. The program's three sites include First Christian Church, 4800 S. Calhoun Street, in Fort Wayne.

THE WORLD IS A TAPESTRY - JUNE 12-15

The Festival Choir returned from its four day tour very tired, and very happy. Members were welcomed enthusiastically in Rockport, Indiana, Valley Station, Kentucky, Seymour and Southport, Indiana. They sang in two Methodist Churches, one Christian Church, Disciples, and one Baptist Church. Offerings from the concerts went to causes for peace and justice chosen by the host congregations in their own communities. We were pleased to be able to assist them in several local projects supporting those in poverty, and also through the Baptist Mission to help the rebuilding of central Los Angeles. Members paid for their own meals and lodging. There was a little time for pleasure! We spent Saturday at Lincoln's boyhood home and at St. Meinrad's Monastery, in southern Indiana, where one of the Brothers gave us a tour, MADE US WELCOME AT THEIR NOON PRAYERS followed by a delightful lunch. Melissa Orr, Rose Ann Gaskill, Jim and Rose Newton, were in the group. We were glad to see Kris Ohneck who joined us in Southport for the Sunday evening concert.

Rev. Sam Davenport in Seymour painted a huge banner using the picture from our program cover in color. After we had arrived early to warm up for the first service, they raised the banner over the pulpit. It was gorgeous, and we all were so surprised we went into shock! After the second service he gave it to us as a gift. Next year we shall keep the theme "The World is a Tapestry" and take our banner with us everywhere.

Helen

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C.L.E.A.R. DAY - SEPTEMBER 19, 1992.

GOLF OUTING - RESCHEDULED

NEW DATE....AUGUST 15....SATURDAY....11:00 A.M. - FAIRVIEW GOLF COURSE

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Rev. Jerry Zehr

SERVING JULY 5

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Kathy Graham and Janet Weicker

10:45 A.M. Bill Franklin and Gene Klepfer

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. C. Davis, Jt. Myers, J. Myers, M. Hutchinson

10:45 A.M. M. McFarland, S. Kerley, L. Brey, S. Brey, L. Bushey, B. Glasgow, K. Bushey, T. Hatten

USHERS

8:15 A.M. J. Ott,

10:45 A.M. C.McGrew,

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

B. Johnson - G. Brown

M. Hartman - B. Hendricks

P. Mullen - N. Knappenberger

D. Oden - R. Merrick

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Sally Rudy & Eunice Conrad

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8:15 A.M. John Ohneck

10:45 A.M. Kelly Walsh

CHURCH CALENDAR

FRIDAY, JULY 3

OFFICE CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY

SUNDAY, JULY 5

8:15 A.M. First Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Second Worship

TUESDAY, JULY 7

8:15 A.M. Chicago Cubs/ Cincinnati Reds Baseball Game - Meet at the church

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BIRTHDAYS JULY 9-15

Helen Sheerin (9)
David Griggs (9)
David Kreischer (9)
Janet Myers (9)
Alice Nulf (10)
Bob Johnson (11)
Marge Thomas (11)
Nancy Harter (11)
Judy Markley (12)
Darvin Tomes (14)

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TAKE A VACATION TO BIBLE SCHOOL ON MILL STREET

Down by the Old Mill Street, we'll gather in the Nickelodeon to sing and hear the Word of God told to us by story, by movies, and by clowns.

We'll travel each night around the town visiting Professor Franklin at the Mill to hear how God has created our world to provide abundant life for all. We'll be building and making things with Farmer Mike in the Barn. We'll visit Granny's house each day and eat her special goodies while she tells us stories and we'll visit the Big Top for some old-fashioned circus fun.

3 year olds through 5th grades will enjoy Mill Street but there's a chance for adults to visit too. Rev. Jerry Zehr will be leading a class each evening called "Hungry Hearts - Abundant Life" so if your spirit needs a vacation this summer, we'll see you at Mill Street.

Be sure to register this Sunday in Fellowship Hall!!

FROM YOUR ASSOCIATE MINISTER

On my last trip home from the Regional Office of the Christian Church in Indianapolis the odometer turned over 100,000 miles. That's only one of the reasons I'm glad to be here in Fort Wayne.

There's an old French proverb that says something like "Gratitude is the heart's memory." As I sit here at the desk on my first week of being your Associate Minister, I think I really know what that proverb means.

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FROM HERE TO ZEHR

It was good to be in worship last Sunday with David Orr singing a beautiful song (thanks David). Pat and Laura Booher joined church, Dr. Dick & Mindy Hamm and family were in worship, (it's good to see old friends).

We are having lots of visitors and new members, people are sharing the good news and inviting people to worship! Have you invited someone to church lately?

For Vacation Bible School, July 20-23, I will be teaching a class for adults. It will focus on renewal of the spirit - feeding a hungry soul. There will be time for personal reflection, group discussion, singing together, and experiencing some of Mill Street with all the youth.

We really need your support to make sure our young people come and bring their friends. This is a great time to invite neighbors' children who do not go to church anywhere to come and join in the experience!

Hope to see you Sunday!

Peace,

Jerry

JOYS & CONCERNS

Terry King is a patient at Lutheran Hospital.

Lynn Spencer fell and broke her leg and is recuperating at home.

60TH ANNIVERSARY.....

Please join our families on this joyous occasion when our parents Avis and Maurice Thompson celebrate 60 years of marriage at a Reception on August 9 from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. at Robin Run Village Tower, 5354 W. 62nd St., Indianapolis, IN.

Your friendship is a cherished gift. We respectfully request no other.

This is a SURPRISE! Lynn and I are compiling a scrapbook of memories from family and friends. We'd love to have a memory of yours to include. Please mail it to me as soon as possible. My address is:

Sue Owens
16569 162nd Pl. SE
Renton, WA 98058

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Pat & Laura Booher transferred their membership last Sunday from First Wayne Street Methodist Church. They live at 120 E. Crown Lane 16; phone - 456-5272. Welcome Pat and Laura!!

NEW VISITORS IN WORSHIP ON JULY 5.....

Marvin & Maria Hummel, 2529 Winter St.; Marie Miller, 5620 S. Webster St.

FOOD BANK NEEDS:

Crackers, Macaroni & Cheese Dinners, Spaghetti Sauce, Toilet Tissue, Jello, Jelly, Fruit Juice

SERMON PREVIEW
SERMON TITLE: DIVINE DIGNITY
SCRIPTURE: JOHN 15

The last two weeks we have explored the inner Kingdom and how we waken to the inner joy within ourselves. Many times we let our external ealities shape our inner reality. Jesus speaks of awakening to the Kingdom of God within our midst." This week I will complete this theme ith looking at the Christ within us.

Read John 15 - what does Jesus mean - "I have chosen you as the ather has chosen me." How do we actualize the Divine inside of us?

OOPS!! AND HURRAH!!!

OOPS. The Foellinger Foundation was mistakenly credited with doubling the money raised by the CYF Auction. It is the Lincoln National Corporation that will be matching the $895.52. I am sorry for the confusion.

Hurrah!!!...while Lindsay Miller, Maggie Smith, and I were presenting the CYF check to the Associated Churches Food Bank during a meeting of the volunteers, Pastor Vern Graham informed us that Lincoln had reconsidered their offer to match what we had earned...instead they will donate $2.00 for every one of our dollars.

During our presentation, our own Wes Westerfield presented a check to the Associated Churches Food Bank as an additional donation from the good people at FCC - money taken in by donations to the office in the name of the Food Bank. This extra money raised the total contribution from First Christian to $2,000.00. You will all be pleased to know that the check along with the $2.00 for every $1.00 donation from Lincoln will be enough money to supply all 24 of the Associated Churches Food Banks with food for one month. That is quite an accomplishment!!

This special grant from Lincoln applies to all donations made to the Associated Churches Food Bank between June and September 30th, up to $15,000.00. This would be an excellent time to make that extra donation to the Food Bank!! Let's all help them raise the money they need to help the needy in our area.

Thanks,
Deb Miller

THANK YOU, GUYS!!

We express publicly appreciation to the men who sang on Fathers' Day. The mothers of the Creative Arts children sang with them on Mothers' Day, and so it seemed appropriate to invite men to do the same. Thanks also to Sara for accompanying. It was a happy time, and didn't they do a fine job?

NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY....

Our church is going to publish a new pictorial directory - IN COLOR. It will contain your family portrait, the other families of the church, the church staff, and a complete printed roster of the church membership. What a wonderful way for new members to get acquainted with our church family, and what a treasured keepsake it will be for all of us. Reserve an appointment time today at one of the sign-up locations. Each family unit photographed and who views their proofs at the church will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 custom color portrait. Each family photographed will also receive a copy of the directory at NO COST. In approximately 45 minutes, you'll be photographed, view your proofs, and select your portraits only moments after the photographer clicks the shutter. Sign-up Sunday's will be: July 19 and 26, and August 2 and 9.

See you at the sign-up table!! Any questions call Karen Bushey. My personal goal as coordinator is 100% participation. Help me to option that goal!!

CHOIR PARTY AND AUCTION

Members of the Chancel Choir, the Carillon, and soloists who have contributed so much to the music program of the church were all invited to the home of Bob, Loretta, David and Melissa Orr's for a potluck and auction. It was a marvelous meal, beautiful setting, and fulfilling time listening to the tape of Choir Sunday in May that David and his friend made. The auction of certain treasures gave meaning to the dictum that what is junk to one person may be a veritable Godsend to another! The real winner was Gene Klepfer who received a beautiful new outfit, one of those exceptional surprises included in his bidding which one would never buy for one's self. You might want to ask him about it. The auctioneers were superb and have been dispatched to Alaska to sell refrigerators.

The choirs gave Helen a gorgeous plaque recognizing her leadership in Music Ministry. It was planned and designed by Don Parlette. She will be thrilled to show it to anyone! Don also read his poem about choir members and conducting. What a talented, thoughtful guy!

The moral of this story is that there is no more fun in the whole world than singing or ringing in a choir!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR .....

Everyone is invited to a gala affair which will be held on Sunday, July 26, 12:00 noon - outside. DINNER ON THE GROUNDS AT THE END OF MILL STREET WILL BE SPONSORED BY THE FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE. MORE DETAILS NEXT WEEK.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

REGISTRATION

JULY 20-23, 1992

6:30 - 8:45 P.M.

NAME_____AGE_____GRADE IN FALL 1992_____

PARENTS NAME_____HOME PHONE # _____

PARENTS ADDRESS_____WORK PHONE # _____

PARENTS CITY/STATE/ZIP_____

FEES: $5.00 PER CHILD, MAXIMUM $10.00 PER FAMILY

ON WHAT NIGHT WOULD YOU (PARENT) BE WILLING TO HELP? _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO THE CHURCH OFFICE OR BRING TO CHURCH ON JULY 12 OR 19

I'D LIKE TO ATTEND THE ADULT CLASS LED BY JERRY ZEHR_____
(Name)

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REMINDER.....

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Dave Kreischer
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Rev. Jerry Zehr

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS may be picked up this Sunday in the Narthex.

ASSOCIATE MINISTER CONTINUED

In many ways you have been welcoming Jerry and me into your hearts and lives since last September when we arrived. And as my heart remembers I am grateful. I'm grateful, too, to have this special opportunity to share in ministry with you as your Associate Minister. I hope, and have, every confidence that we will find our way together to love and serve God.

I'll be in the office on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursdays and look forward to saying hello to you if you stop in.

We've already begun. Let's continue to do great things for God who has done greater things for us!

Diane

D.M.A. NEWS

We will be going to Cornwell's Turkeyville at Marshall, Michigan on Wednesday, September 2 to see **"NUNSENSE"**. Cost for ticket and meal is $20.95. We will eat dinner at noon with the show beginning at 2:00 p.m. Cost of transportation will depend on the number of persons going (either by bus or cars). Deadline to sign up is Friday, July 31. Call the church office today for your reservation!

AND

We will have a potluck dinner at the church on Tuesday, August 4, 12:00 noon at the church.

REPORT FROM HELEN

From June 21-25 I had the pleasure of being a ringer at the national American Guild of English Handbell Ringers' Festival in South Bend. There were 1100 ringers practicing all week together toward the concert which closed the Seminar. 100 of these were directors. There were 150 classes on 53 subjects, all pertaining to handbells---techniques, literature, musicianship, conducting, rhythm at the tables, history---led by 20 clinicians and four conductors. I chose classes on bass bells, (preventing injuries), and the little high bells, (ringing four-in-hand), hand chimes for children, and Finishing Touches, (those things which polish a performance). But the most exciting part of it was ringing in (and hearing) the practices and final concert with so many ringers from all over the United States in the gymnasium at St. Mary's College.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE will meet on Monday, July 13, 1992 at 7:00 p.m.
BOARD OF TRUSTEES will meet on Tuesday, July 14, 1992 at 7:30 p.m.

SERVING JULY 12

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Charles Ewing and Bob Hendricks

10:45 A.M. Rosemary Krull and Charles Hatten

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. G. Brown, N. Knappenberger, K. Blocher, T. Knuckles

10:45 A.M. S.Sendelbach, J.Franklin, J. Mounsey, B. Kelly, D. Mey, R. Moll, L. Bushey, Db. Rinker

USHERS

8:15 A.M. J. Ott, C. Byrket, C. Davis

10:45 A.M. C.McGrew, H. Nordblom, C. Falbe, D. McEvoy

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ACOLYTES

Kristen Geroff & Brian Rinker

EXTENDED SESSION I LEADER

Judy Church

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

John & Kris Ohneck

EVANGELISM CALLERS

TEAM I-Molly & Graham Baughman

TEAM II-John Truesdell & Bob Smith

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

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10:45 A.M. Mike Walsh

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JULY 12

8:15 A.M. First Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

9:30 A.M. "Together in Jesus' Name" S.S. Class

10:45 A.M. Second Worship

12:00 NOON Youth Council meeting

MONDAY, JULY 13

7:00 P.M. Personnel Committee

TUESDAY, JULY 14

7:30 P.M. Board of Trustees

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BIRTHDAYS JULY 16-22

Thelma Swift (17)
Emma Vandenwall (17)
Barbara Clevenger (17)
Sue Oden (18)
George Davis (18)
Jim Atkins (20)
Sherry Lytle (20)
Brooke Spencer (20)
Arline Hutchinson (21)
Tom Wells (21)
Tom Hanter (22)
D.J. Rinker (22)
Jackson Phomsoupha (22)
Johnny Phonsoupha (22)

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DINNER ON THE GROUNDS

SUNDAY, JULY 26 - FOLLOWING 2ND SERVICE

The ants go marching but we'll have fun celebrating a week of Christian learning and fun on Mill Street as we enjoy Dinner on the Grounds.

Bring your lawn chairs or blankets if you want to sit on the "grounds" but there will be tables and chairs as well just in case you'd rather skip the ants.

Food will be provided by the Fellowship Committee: sandwiches, veggies, potato salad, chips, and cupcakes (chocolate covered ants?) and you'll have a chance to visit the town where Mill Street is located in Fellowship Hall. Our clowns will be on hand for a skit and we'll sing some old-time favorite songs.

Plan to stay and join the fun!!

Rain will mean we'll eat inside.

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AND

We will also be going to a "Band Concert" on Tuesday, August 11 at Foellinger Theatre. Mark your calendar. More information later.

FROM HERE TO ZEHR

Last week in the newsletter you might have read about our new pictorial directory that is being formed. This years directory will celebrate our worshipping in this location for 40 years come this November. We want everyone who is a member of our congregation to be in the directory. The dates of picture taking are August 28, 29, and September 22, 23, 24. There is no cost to your family for participating in this directory. I hope everyone will sign-up and participate.

September 19 is C.L.E.A.R. Day! This is a day of workshops for leaders in our congregation (see insert). If you have that day free you will really enjoy the day. Part of being a leader is gaining new understandings and skills. I hope many of you will come along! We will car pool from the church!

A big thank you to Bob Smith for painting one of our offices. Also to Molly Baughman and James Parker for their help too.

See you Sunday.

Peace,

Jerry

P.S. Mill Street is being built this week. By Sunday the Big Top will be up, the Nickelodeon, and all the other houses. Come Sunday and see a preview of Mill Street. I'm getting so excited!!

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FAMILY CAMP '92

WHO CAN COME? Families of course! And we know that families come in all kinds of sizes - one person or more. Ages infants through seniors.

DATES: Friday, September 4
Campground opens at 10:00 a.m. Program begins with orientation and welcome at 8:00 p.m.

ENDS: After lunch on Monday, September 7.

WHERE: Barbee Christian Camp
27EMS Lane B-2
Leesburg, Indiana

ACCOMMODATIONS: Sites available for tents, trailers, and campers with or without electricity. There is limited space in cabins and the retreat house for 12 families. There is a limit of 140 persons whose registrations will be accepted on a "first-come, first-served" basis.

COST

LODGING: Tents/Campers not using electricity, $10/site.

Tents/Campers using electricity, $15/site.

Cabins for a family of two or more, $23 total.

PROGRAM MATERIALS: $8 per person ($30 maximum for a family).

MEALS: No food is furnished. Each family is responsible for their own meals, with three common "pitch-in" meals planned on Saturday evening, Sunday evening, and Monday noon. Kitchen and walk-in coolers available for the use of all.

REGISTER EARLY!

REGISTRATION FOR FAMILY CAMP '92

Adult(s)_____ Church_____

Child(ren)_____ _____ Age____

_____ Age____

_____ Age____

Address_____

_____ Phone (___)_____

Lodging Type: ___Cabin ___Tent ___Trailer

Electricity ___Yes ___No

Approximate Arrival Time_____

Number of times attended camp: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 or more

Cost: Lodging_____ Program_____

Make checks payable and mail to: Christian Church in Indiana
1100 West 42nd Street
Indianapolis, IN 46208-3375

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BREAKFAST PLUS

Once again the Outreach and Service Committee has scheduled a number of presentations during the month of August. These informal meetings will be in the fellowship hall during the Sunday School hour, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. The schedule of speakers at present is:

August 9 - A representative from the Gidion's will tell us about their Bible ministry.

August 16 - The Rev. Jerry Zehr will talk about the life of the church and the Disciples of Christ including some insights on staff and organization. Jerry will be happy to answer any questions you may have. If there is time, a short presentation on the Chi-Rho work trip to Indianapolis will be given.

August 23 - Tracy Critell and Jessica Hatten will tell us about their recent work trip to Bloomfield, New Mexico.

August 30 - Eve Bratton, the director of Matthew 25, will tell us about their ministry through medical care for the low income members of the community.

INFORMATION

ENROLL EARLY!
NO PHONE REGISTRATIONS TAKEN!

300 places for participants
Deadline: September 14, 1992

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. EST
Saturday, September 19, 1992

Christian Theological Seminary
Indianapolis
Emergency Phone: 317/924-1331

Cost: $15.00 includes lunch
Cost after September 2: $17.00
lo registrations after September 14

elect one of the nineteen workshops.
ST YOUR TOP THREE WORKSHOP CHOICES
ON THE ENROLLMENT FORM
he CTS Bookstore will be open during
the lunch hours, and Christian
Board of Publication will also have
a display.

ENROLL EARLY!
(Workshops fill up quickly!)
Questions Call: 926-6051

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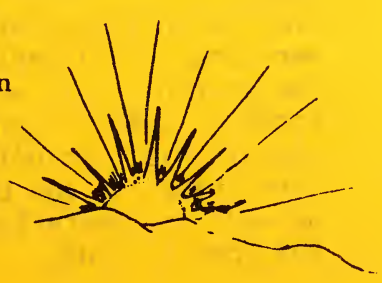

WORKSHOPS

1. Now I Am A Board Chairperson - Indiana Ed Weisheimer, Regional Minister
   Designed for chairs and vice chairs of congregational boards; an overview of responsibilities, processes, efficiencies and relationships in being a board chairperson - with many "handout" resources.

2. Evangelism Tools That Work-Kennet Hall
   This workshop will focus on three important ingredients in congregational growth -- Hospitality, assimilation and small groups.

3. Leading Small Adult Groups: Key T Congregational Vitality-Suzanne Martin
   This workshop will be an experiential approach to enhancin skills for leading small groups. Learning occurs in a non-judgemental climate, with valuing trust, caring, listening and clea communication. Participants will also have an opportunity to explore different leader styles.

4. Teaching Our Children: When, What, Where, How, Why - Tim Colvin
   Hear what is happening in other churches and discover some of the ways Christian education can happen in your church.

5. Making Waves: Disciples Young Adult Ministry - Jim Grimshaw
How can young adults share their passion for life and unique gifts within the church as they share the church and world of today and tomorrow? Does the church have a distinct message to offer to young adults as they navigate through difficult and turbulent transitions in their lives?

6. Color My World With Song: A Workshop For Adults Who Worship With Children - Margaret Lowe
In this workshop we will focus on planning and facilitating worship experiences with children. Focusing on four areas: song, prayer, story and play - we will learn new ways to enable worship to be an alive experience for children of God.

7. Now I am An Elder - Peter Morgan
Elders are looked to as the "Spiritual Leaders" of our congregations. Come join Peter M. Morgan in this experience which empowers and directs the spirituality of elders.

8. Stress and Clergy Leadership Styles - Debra Sheriff
Utilizing "Stress, Power and Ministry" by John C. Harris, this workshop will explore clergy-layperson relationship by dealing with the emotional side of church life; communication between clergy and laypersons; congregational power as related to the leadership styles of clergy and lay leaders. Harris' models will be discussed and critiqued in light of participants "real-life" experiences.

9. Tales of the Heart: An Experiential Approach to Global Education - Kenneth Dean and An Windley
Experience a method of global education which enables participants to be in touch with the pain of our hurting world in ways that release energy and hop rather than paralyzing guilt. Learn how being open to our own story, and that of those nearest us, enables a more sustained openness to the story of our world.

10. Improving Newsletters - Cathy Hinkle
Keys to improving writing, desig and production of your church newsletters (and other publications) as well as ways to use newsletters for evangelism will presented in this workshop. Participants are encouraged to bring their newsletters for evaluation.

11. Creating Curriculum For Vacation Bible School - Nina Eads
Get an early start to next summer annual dilemma - What will we do for vacation Bible School this year? Explore how to design your own program tht meets the needs o your particular congregation.

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3. Designing Worship For The 90's - Jim and Dixie Miller
An opportunity to explore and experience a variety of worship components that will enliven the Sunday workshop experience, increase corporate and personal celebration and gratitude to God, and enhance congregational aliveness and sensitivity.

1. Membership Trends and Future Propects of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Indiana - Newell Williams
A review of the findings of major study of Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) with proposals for reversing negative membership trends.

1. Christian Education in the Small Congregation - Jay Southwick
Identifying creative ways of using "what is at hand" to provide educational opportunities for the small rural or urban congregation.

16. Transforming Bible Study for Adults - Jayna Powell
Bring your Bible. . .dress comfortably...come prepared to experience the Bible in a new wa Based on Walter Wink's Transforming Bible Study, this workshop will give new insight into old scripture. And you wil discover that anyone can lead life-changing Bible study.

17. Talkin' Sex Part I: Improving Communication Between Adults and Youth - Jane Lawrence
We'll cover understanding the adolescent (values, needs, physical, emotional, spiritual development as it pertains to sexuality; creating a climate fo communication. Resources and practical aids for effective communication with youth about sexuality will be suggested.

18. Talkin' Sex Part II - Carla McNelly/Stephen Enz
FOR YOUTH ONLY, we'll look at understanding ourselves and our sexuality (values, needs, physical, emotional and spiritua development) and have a chance t talk with adults concerning communication.

19. Aging and Spirituality - Bernie Lyon
In this workshop we will discuss the situation of older adults in contemporary American society an the church. We will pay special attention to the spiritual dimensions of the aging process and its implications for the car and education of the church.

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SEPTEMBER 19, 1992

CHRISTIAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

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Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State ___ Zip _____

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Workshop Choices
List in Order of Preference

1. # : _____
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CHILD CARE

Number of children: _____

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Send form & $15 fee before September 2 or $17 after September 2 to:

Christian Church in Indiana
1100 West 42nd Street
Indianapolis, IN 46208-3375

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SERMON PREVIEW

SERMON TITLE: "GLORY DAYS"

SCRIPTURE: COLOSSIANS 1:24,2:3

Are your glory days behind you? Are you enjoying them right now or, are they ahead? Mary and Martha days were at their best when Jesus visited them and Paul in Colossians tells us how Christ living in us is the richness and the glory of the mystery of God.

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ITEMS NEEDED FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Shoeboxes, Baby Food Jars

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8:15 A.M. Mildred Hartman and John Ohneck

10:45 A.M. Sue Oden and Dick Vanderwall

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8:15 A.M. B. Hendricks, C. Davis, J. Arnold, M. Arnold

10:45 A.M. R. Newton, S. Zimmerman, M. Orr, Dv. Rinker, E. Rieke, M. Rieke, C. Murray, E. Yeoman

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10:45 A.M. C.McGrew, G.Baughman, S. Brey, G. Miller

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Jt. Weicker - Jt. Myers
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C. Hatten - R. Moll

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Rinker/Place

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MONDAY, JULY 20

6:30 P.M. Vacation Bible School

TUESDAY, JULY 21

6:30 P.M. Vacation Bible School

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22

6:30 P.M. Vacation Bible School

THURSDAY, JULY 23

6:30 P.M. Vacation Bible School

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BIRTHDAYS JULY 23-29

Mary Wilhelm (23)
Dustin McEvoy (23)
Forrest Smith (24)
Alisha Stover (24)
E. Woodrow Klepfer (26)
Glenn D. Miller (27)
Sue Brey (27)
Sam Smith (28)
Kevin Bozarth (28)

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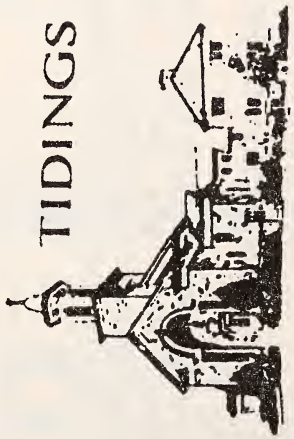

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HERE TO ZEHR

A NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY FOR THE CHURCH

We are beginning the sign-ups for individuals and families of our church to reserve a time for your picture.

The more family units (single person, couple, couple with children) participate, the more extra activity pages, extra directories, we will receive free from Olan Mills.

There is no cost for having your picture in our directory, and in fact each family unit photographed and who views their proofs at the church will receive a complimentary 8x10 custom color portrait. Each family will also receive a directory.

Those who are shut-in, we will get your picture taken another way.

WE WANT everyone who is a member of our church to participate. Nobody likes to have their picture taken but this directory will be very helpful to all of us as we acquaint ourselves with everyone's pictures.

They will be signing people up the next three Sundays! I hope everyone will participate.

Peace,

Jerry

P.S. Those who are friends of the church, please sign-up too. Even if you aren't a member we want your picture included!!

MILL STREET - OUR DAILY BREAD AND TIMES

Inside Edition - see insert inside.

COMMITTEES will meet on Tuesday, July 28. Committee chairs will meet at 7:00 p.m. and committees will meet at 7:30 p.m.

To: First Christian Church Board
First Christian Church
Fort Wayne, Indiana

Dear Board,

I want to express my appreciation for the opportunity to serve with you these last 2½ years and for the great sending off you gave me on May 31.

What a great day that was! I can't imagine a better final day than the one I had. It was wonderful to worship with you on that Sunday. The music was tremendous. The ritual of leaving was important to me as a way of saying "good-bye." I really enjoyed sharing with you a message about what it meant to me to be a partner in ministry with you. And I can't tell you how much I appreciated the gifts you gave me. The stole is beautiful and it will always remind me of the first church I served in - First Christian. And the money was very generous. It will help me with school, and part of it will help me with my trip to Russia in August (a work trip with the National Council of Churches and the Russian Orthodox Church).

And what a great dinner and party afterwards! I know a lot of people put time and effort into the dinner and festivities and I appreciate all your work and creativity (I also know who some of you are and where you live and there will be future opportunities for me to show my "appreciation" in equally creative ways). How will I ever forget the first church report card, Larry Brey as Barnie Phife, tap dancing with James Champion, and a personal appearance of Batman?

Please extend my thanks to the whole congregation for their support, their prayers, their cards, and their love. You have all been an important part of my life and I thank God for the ministry we have shared together.

I will be starting at Carmel Christian Church at the end of August and am excited about my new ministry there.

My prayers and thoughts are with you all as you continue your great ministry. I know God's blessings and presence will always be with you.

In Christ's name,

Jim Grimshaw

JOYS & CONCERNS

Marge Mitchell is a patient at Lutheran Hospital.
Marvin Crouse is home recuperating after surgery last week.
Terry King is a patient at Lutheran Hospital.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING - SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

The First Christian Church Golf Outing will be on Saturday, August 15 starting at 11:00 a.m. at Fairview Golf Course. It will be a Florida Scramble. We will be going to Pizza Hut afterwards to eat and have the presentation of trophies for the winning team and also some other prizes for the longest drive, closest to the pin, etc. The cost will be greens' fees, cart (if wanted), and the pizza.

Call the church office or Marge Thomas (745-1136) by July 31 if you want to play.

BREAKFAST PLUS

Once again the Outreach and Service Committee has scheduled a number of presentations during the month of August. These informal meetings will be in the fellowship hall during the Sunday School hour, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. The schedule of speakers at present is:

August 9 - A representative from the Gidion's will tell us about their Bible ministry.

August 16 - The Rev. Jerry Zehr will talk about the life of the church and the Disciples of Christ including some insights on staff and organization. Jerry will be happy to answer any questions you may have. If there is time, a short presentation on the Chi-Rho work trip to Indianapolis will be given.

August 23 - Tracy Critell and Jessica Hatten will tell us about their recent work trip to Bloomfield, New Mexico.

August 30 - Eve Bratton, the director of Matthew 25, will tell us about their ministry through medical care for the low income members of the community.

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP 7-19-92

Annette Fitts, 7962 Serenity Dr., Apt. E; Eric Wright, 2141 Edgehill, Ronald & Carla Wise, 2104 Vance Avenue.

FOOD BANK NEEDS

Macaroni & Cheese Dinners, Jello, Tuna, Canned Potatoes, Crackers,

MONTHLY FOOD BANK REPORT

WE SERVED: 50 families
172 individuals
20 first time served
30 repeats
2,580 estimated meals served

ESTIMATED COSTS: $1,178.37

SERMON PREVIEW

SERMON TITLE: Grandma's Bread

SCRIPTURE: John 6:33, Luke 11:1-13

These last three weeks the focus of our sermons have been on the awakening to the Glory of God, the Divine Reality, the City of Joy, the Kingdom in our midst! The Disciples asked Jesus to teach them to pray, for they knew prayer was the key to their awakening to the Kingdom. We pray the Lord's Prayer every Sunday but what does it mean? Why did Jesus use those words as a model for our prayer to God?

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FROM DIANE ZEHR.....

I wanted to write something today in this newsletter article that might be uplifting or inspiring to those who read it, BUT....

--Larry & Sue Brey and the girls stopped by on their way after working in the food bank, AND
--Deb Rinker called to find out what the Bible memory verses will be AND
--Laura York was in to set up games for Mill Street AND
--John Perry wanted to know what we needed from the hardware AND
--We had our weekly staff meeting AND
--Someone called to ask if I could lead an Elders Spiritual Life Retreat in October

SO.....

I told Diane Johnson, our secretary, that I wasn't inspired anymore.

Then I sat down at my desk and began to reflect on what all the business was about and realized.....

--the hungry and being fed
--the sick visited and prayed for
--we are passing on the faith from generation to generation

You know when you think about it, that is uplifting. We are being the Body of Christ.

So May It Ever Be,

Diane

D.M.A. NEWS

Tuesday, August 4 at 12:00 noon we will have a potluck lunch. We will have a chance to catch up on summer trips, and update everyone on our fall plans.

We will discuss our trip to the Band Concert on August 11 at Foellinger Theater.

ALSO.....

We now have 23 people signed up to go to Cornwell's Turkeyville at Marshall, Michigan on Wednesday, September 2 to see "NUNSENSE." We have reserved a 25 passenger bus, so get YOUR reservation in right away!!

SERVING JULY 26

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Bill Johnson and Lauren Ewing

10:45 A.M. Pat Mullen and Dave Kreischer

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. B. Lindsay, J. Lindsay, Jt. Myers, J. Myers

10:45 A.M. K. Taylor, D. McEvoy, J. Walsh, J. Franklin, K. Walsh, K. Bushey, T. Critell, G. Brown

USHERS

8:15 A.M. J. Ott, D. Graham, J. Young

10:45 A.M. C.McGrew, D.J. Rinker, H. Banet, B. Glasgow

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Laura McFarland

NO COFFEE HOUR-DINNER ON THE GROUNDS

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12:00 NOON DINNER ON THE GROUNDS

TUESDAY, JULY 28

7:00 P.M. Committee Chairs
7:30 P.M. Committees

FRI., JULY 31-SUN., AUG.3

Chi Rho Work Trip

BIRTHDAYS JULY 30-AUGUST 5

Becky Babic (30)
Glenn Miller (1)
Mary Lou Hartzler (1)
Wanda Howell (1)
Margaret Snouffer (1)
Dick Mony (1)
Loni Lewis (1)
Kelly Walsh (1)
Kathryn Eich (4)
Gloria Phillips (4)
Karen Lands (4)

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AUGUST ADVENTURES IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

"Together in Jesus' Name" is the theme of our summer classes for children ages 3 years - 5th grades.

They have met in the parlor each Sunday from 9:30 - 10:30 led by Kris Ohneck, Ralph Church, and our CYF helpers as well as other adult leaders.

These classes will continue for August 2 and August 9. The last three Sundays' of August will be different.

August 16 - 9:30 - 12:00 noon. We'll take a trip to the zoo.

August 23 - We'll meet back at the church 9:30 - 10:30 for a last class together.

August 30 - 9:30 - 12:00 noon. We'll take a trip to the Fort.

If you want to help by driving or just going along, please call Diane Zehr at the church office or Kris Ohneck at 447-2833.

DO YOU WANT A FREE BREAKFAST?

Starting August 9 from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. in our Fellowship Hall we will be having a breakfast and guest speaker for our adults and teens. This is part of our outreach committees educational forums, to inform us of some of the ministries we are involved in.

August 9 - a representative from the Gideon's will tell us about their Bible ministry.

WHAT IS THIS??

Your spot in the pictorial directory - you want to make sure your spot is filled. The dates the pictures will be taken are August 28 & 29 and September 22-24. We are signing people up the next two Sundays in the Fellowship Hall and Narthex.

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FROM HERE TO ZEHR

This Friday we are taking a Chi Rho youth (Junior High age) on a work-trip to Indianapolis. They will have a tour of our Seminary and General Offices, and then work Friday and Saturday refurbishing, painting, and mowing senior citizens homes in the inner city. Sunday they will worship at Centenary Christian Church and then go to the Water Park! Pray for me!!!

It's exciting to see 60 children here for Vacation Bible School and our CYF youth raise $895.00 for our Food Bank, and Chi Rho youth going on a work-trip. Our youth are alive and well, doing service for others as well as playing and studying.

I'll be back for Sunday morning worship.

See you then.

Peace,

Jerry

P.S. A personal thank you to all of you who helped make Mill Street a success. This event tells me there are children and adults in our neighborhood who are hungry for the Bread of Life!

PLEASE NOTE.....

Please sign up for your subscription to the Disciple Magazine by calling the church office or Jean McGrew (637-5809). Cost: $12.50 or $10.00 depending on the number of subscriptions that we receive.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Terry King is a patient at Lutheran Hospital.

Opal Carper is a patient at St. Joseph Hospital.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Orda Glentzer who will be 94 years old on August 9!!

Ruby Johns is a patient at Parkview Hospital.

THANK YOU

I wish to thank Jenny, Helen, and Eunice for their visits during my recent hospital stays. The prayers, visits, cards, phone calls and food from my church family during hospitalization and recuperation are deeply appreciated.

Sincerely,

Walter Bowen

NEW VISITORS ON JULY 26, 1992

Bonnie, Kelsey, & Shelby Hallberg, 2205 Maples Road.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS:

Klark Kerley
51st EMS
PSC3 Box 3336
APO AP 96266

FOOD BANK NEEDS:

Crackers, Macaroni & Cheese Dinners, Spaghetti Sauce, Toilet Tissue, Jello, Jelly, Fruit Juice

SERMON PREVIEW

SERMON: God's Kingdom - Human Kingdoms

SCRIPTURE: Luke 11:1-5

"Our Father, who art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy name...." claims the holiness of God. We have explored our Divine Dignity, born of the Holy One, and so what does Jesus mean as he teaches us to pray? "Your Kingdom Come, your will be done." How do we know God's will? What would God's Kingdom look like if it did come? Can we help build the Kingdom?

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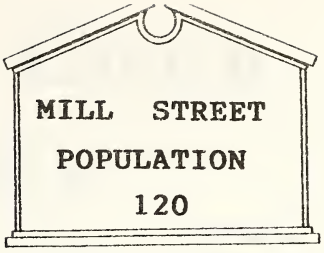

FROM DIANE ZEHR.....

MILL STREET MEMORIES & THANK YOU'S

What a week! From the moment we began on Monday evening until the last balloon was popped on Monday morning, Mill Street was exciting and spirit-filled for all who attended.

There were over 60 children in attendance and 60 adults over the course of four days.

Our very greatest appreciation goes to countless folks like you who built buildings, taught children, baked refreshments, prepared crafts, brought neighbors, friends, and family, gave a word of encouragement and prepared the picnic for Sunday after church.

Jesus was the bread of our life last week and we pray we all know that that is how it is every day we live.

$170.00 was collected to purchase flocks of chicks for hungry families.

BUS TRIP!! BUS TRIP!!

On Wednesday, September 2 we will be going to Marshall, Michigan to see the musical "Nunsense." This is a funny, uplifting musical about a group of nuns and their escapades. This is a dinner theater and so our dinner will be included in the price. We will leave at 8:30 a.m. from the church and be home by 6:00 p.m. Cost is $31.00. This is for dinner, show, and bus. We only have 9 spots left on the bus. Call the church to make your reservation.

D.M.A.

Tuesday, August 4 at 12:00 noon we will have a potluck lunch. Rev. Zehr will have a humorous reading he will deliver entitled "Information Please."

We will discuss our trip to the Band Concert August 11 at Foellinger Theater at 5:30 p.m.

HELP NEEDED

We are in need of people to teach Sunday School and Extended Session. Also needed are people to help as sponsors for Chi Rho and CYF. If you are interested, please contact Kris Ohneck at 447-2833 or 461-2883.

SERVING AUGUST 2

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Charles Ludwig and Jack Weicker

10:45 A.M. John Kelly and Don Oden

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8:15 A.M. R. Merrick, G. Brown, M. Hutchinson, N. Knappenberger

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MONDAY, AUGUST 3
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TUESDAY, AUGUST 4
12:00 NOON D.M.A. Potluck
7:00 P.M. All-City Choir at First Baptist

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5
7:00 P.M. All-City Choir at First Baptist

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6
9:30 A.M. Naomi Circle
7:00 P.M. All-City Choir at First Baptist

THURSDAY,AUG.6-SATURDAY,AUG.8
Regional Assembly in Bloomington

BIRTHDAYS AUGUST 6-12

David Orr (6)
Elizabeth Moody (8)
Ronald Elliott (8)
Roger Hutchinson (8)
Laura Booher (8)
Linda Wiley (9)
Onda Glentzer (9)
Charline Craig (10)
Beverly Johnston (10
John Ohneck (11)
Marilyn Snouffer (11)

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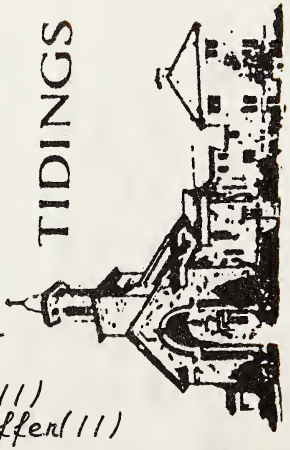

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COME TO THE WATER
INDIANA DISCIPLE CHURCHES CONVENE IN BLOOMINGTON, IN AUGUST 6,7,8

Every two years representatives from all 200 Indiana Disciple congregations gather for worship, business, fellowship and expressing our oneness as the Body of Christ.

This year we will elect a new moderator for our region. We will install our two newest Associate Regional Ministers, Rev. Charles Blaisdell and Rev. Art Vermillion (who will be the pastor to our five Area I churches in the Fort Wayne area).

We'll hear from Dr. Bill Nichols, our Interim General Minister and President and enjoy a performance done by the campers from Indiana's Music, Art, and Drama week.

Our congregation will be well represented. Kris Ohneck has served on the planning committee. Those attending are Kris and John Ohneck, Bill and Joan Franklin, Don Parlette, Jerry and Diane Zehr.

FROM HERE TO ZEHR

As you read in last weeks' Tidings, Helen Donnell, our Minister of Music, will no longer be with us as of August 16. At her request, we are not having a formal farewell and Helen asked that there not be a solicitation of gifts from the congregation because of the number of presentations we have made this year, but I know many of you will want to connect with her before she leaves. We want to thank Helen for all of the beautiful music and ministry she has given to the congregation over the past 8 years. Life brings changes and new directions in each of our lives and we wish Helen God's speed in her next endeavor.

This weekend we had 11 Junior High youth and six adults who went on their worktrip to Indianapolis. They will be telling of their experience on August 23 during the Sunday School hour with your CYF youth who went on a worktrip to New Mexico.

See you Sunday.

Peace,

Jerry

P.S. Last Sunday our guest organist, John Krinn, played a musical piece on the handbells (by himself) that was beautiful. If you missed it he is playing another piece this Sunday!

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Terry King is a patient at Lutheran Hospital.

Opal Carper has gone home from St. Joseph Hospital.

Earl Ehresman will have surgery on August 4 at St. Joseph Hospital.

CONGRATULATIONS to Tini Hatten and James Parker who were married last Saturday at FCC.

Ruby Johns has gone home from Parkview.

THANK YOU'S

I wish to thank everyone for their visits and cards. I will never again say, "who cares?" JUST A BIG THANK YOU!!

Opal Carper

Thank you for the cards, and A SPECIAL THANKS FOR YOUR PRAYERS.

Marv & Viv Crouse

NEEDED

The Allen Councty Cancer Society is in need of used sheets. Please drop off at 2925 E. State Street. Thank you.

FOOD BANK NEEDS:

Crackers, Macaroni & Cheese Dinners, Spaghetti Sauce, Toilet Tissue, Jello, Jelly, Fruit Juice

THIS IS THE LAST SUNDAY!

For what? To sign up for the pictorial directory. After this Sunday, the "committee" will be calling people to set up a time. Save them a phone call and sign up this Sunday.

Some of you have said, "I don't like to have my picture taken. I don't want to see my wrinkles!"

Remember you're not getting older, you're getting better. We really want your picture so we will have a complete directory of all of our membership.

Also, the more pictures we have, the more activity pages and directories they will give us free! If you can't be here Sunday to sign up, you can call Karen Bushey at 747-3770.

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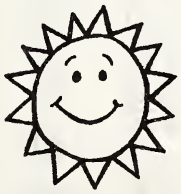

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7:00 P.M. Festival of Peace & Understanding at Foellinger Theatre

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11

5:30 P.M. DMA to Band Concert

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11:00 A.M. Golf Outing

BIRTHDAYS AUGUST 13-19

Marge Mitchell (13)
Rebecca Bouman (15)
Bruce Grimm (16)
Lois Finkhousen (18)
Wilma Miller (18)
Charles Linn (19)
Kirk Spencer (19)

ATTENTION 3RD-5TH GRADERS

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"Going for the Gold." This was one of the sayings at the Summer Olympics. I was moved by the stories of dedication and perseverance the athletes had in their "going for the gold." Commitment, dedication, and perseverance are not popular words in our vocabulary. Who likes to work hard, experience disappointments and then have to do it all over again. But the gold doesn't come easily. There are many parallels to our faith in the dedication the athletes have for their sport. Would we be willing to shave our heads to make sure we had a successful stewardship campaign? I look terrible bald! The dedication and focus the athletes had was amazing. I realize they did this full time, and only for a period of time, but can you imagine what miracles could happen if everyone had that type of commitment to the church! To hold strong through the tough times, work together like the "Dream Team" did. Where their were no ego's or individual players but all of these guys put one thing first - to win. Let us be the "Dream Team" for God where we put one thing first in our lives - GOD!

See you Sunday.

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Jerry

P.S. Don't get any ideas, I'm not going.

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Earl Ehresman is a patient at St. Joseph Hospital.

Our sympathy is extended to Elinor Place and her family in the recent death of her sister.

THANK YOU'S

Thank you for the labors of your youth and the generous $500 contribution of First Christian. We are applying your support to our "Just Say Grow" Project. Your support will be helping us to offer a better environment and promote building community among our neighbors.

All Our Best,
Eastside Community Investments

Dear Friends of Heifer Project,

Thank you for your Vacation Bible School gift of $176.00 to Heifer Project International. We hope that you enjoyed learning about the animals and how they can help hungry people around the world.

As you requested, your gift will help purchase chicks. Thank you again for sharing with other less fortunate families through Heifer Project International.

David L. Boothby
Great Lakes Regional Director

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AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP AUGUST 9, 1992

Laura Bowser, 609 Kinnaird Avenue.

REFLECTIONS ON THE REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

Joan and I thought you might enjoy some impressions and thoughts about the Regional Assembly.

Thursday - registration was well organized and went quickly despite a large crowd of some 600 delegates. The opening session was terrific with great singing, sincere and lovely prayers climaxed with a communion service. The theme of the meeting was "Come to the Waters" and Regional Minister, Ed Weisheimer asked us, "Are you Thirsty?" We found the music provided by the choir from Light of the World Christian Church (Indianapolis) especially beautiful and inspiring. Joan and I opted to stay in a university dorm room instead of a hotel. It's amazing that after 40 years the rooms seem even smaller than we remembered and the food hasn't improved a bit! Thank the Lord the room was air conditioned. We had forgotten just how hot and humid Bloomington can become - about like Calcutta, India!

Friday was the first day we were to vote on Resolutions (brought to the assembly from regional commissions or by congregations in the Indiana Region). We won't burden you with the discussions, as a final report will be in the September "Indiana Christian."

Our general impression of the meeting strengthens our feeling that Indiana Disciples are loving and caring people, dedicated to doing the work of the church in a humble and loving way. We could sense this whether we were in meetings, workshops, or worship. We are grateful to you for giving us a chance to represent our church family at this meeting.

We are blessed with the leadership of Ed Weisheimer and Rev. Bill Nichols. If ever you have a chance to hear or meet them, don't hesitate, they and their spouses are delightful people.

Yours in Christ,

Bill & Joan Franklin

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SERMON PREVIEW

SERMON TITLE: THE GREAT TEMPTATION

SCRIPTURE: "Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil."

What is the ultimate temptation we need to be protected from? Is there evil? How do we stay out of the realm of evil and live in realm of God's Kingdom?

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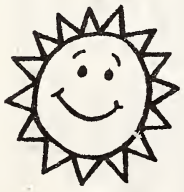

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HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

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L. Ewing - M. Rieke
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TUESDAY, AUGUST 18

7:00 P.M. Evangelism/Visitation Callers Meeting

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Nancy Butcher (20)
Joshua Lytle (20)
Janet Smith (21)
Marie Redman (24)
John Olson (25)
Irvin Koehlinger (25)
Julie Briggs (26)

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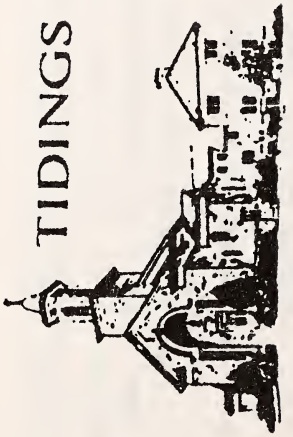

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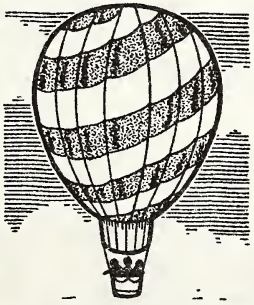
A WORD OF THANKS

"TOGETHER IN JESUS' NAME"

Our last session for summer Sunday School will meet for all our children 3 years through 5th grade this Sunday, August 23. Special thanks go out to Kris Ohneck and Ralph Church for leading these summer sessions for children. We averaged 12-15 persons each week and our youth and other adults also helped teach this class.

Our final week, August 30, will be a trip to the Fort. **AND THEN** we'll get ready for our Fall **LIFT-OFF** to new Bible adventures for Fall. **BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 13 - LIFT-OFF SUNDAY OF EDUCATION FOR CHRISTIANS.**



COMING UP!

CALLED BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 25
7:00 - 7:30 P.M.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Candidates name for Director of Music will be submitted by the Personnel Committee.
2. Recommendation for the boiler from the Property Committee.

REGULAR COMMITTEES WILL MEET AT 7:30 P.M.

FROM HERE TO ZEHR

This past Saturday we had our annual golf outing. My team, the Holy Hackers, came in second. It was so close! I told my team about half way through the tournament, I'd move heaven and earth to win this tournament and one of my teammates said, "well Jerry, you've dug up enough earth for a day, you better concentrate on heaven!" I did make a few divots, but my team held strong and we almost won. The reason we played so well was because we encouraged each other, and helped each other read the greens. We talked to each other before we would putt. Encouraging each other, helping each other, talking to each other are part of being "Holy Hackers!" A hacker in golf is someone who loves the game, is not pro, but does the best they can.

We are a part of the church because we love God, we're no pro's at this thing called Christianity but we do the best we can. We need to encourage one another, help each other, and talk to one another when we have questions, ideas, etc. Let us be Holy Hackers for God!

See you Sunday.

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Kem Benny and Mandi, 5013 Coventry Parkway; Betty Maksl, 3820 Hiawatha Blvd.

REMINDER.....

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YOUTH COUNCIL will meet this Sunday, August 23, at 6:00 p.m.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE will meet on Monday, August 24 at 7:00 p.m.

HOUSING NEEDED

We have monies available in our memorial fund to hire a student intern from Christian Theological Seminary, but we need housing for this individual from September through December. Do you have an extra bedroom or place for this student to sleep on the weekends? Call Rev. Jerry Zehr if you can help. Thank you.

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12:00 NOON Reception for Diane Zehr's Installation

MONDAY, AUGUST 24

7:00 P.M. Stewardship Committee

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25

7:00 P.M. CALLED BOARD MEETING
7:30 P.M. Committees

FRIDAY, AUG. 28 & SAT., AUG. 29

Picture Days

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29

9:00 A.M. Board Retreat at Potawatomi Inn

BIRTHDAYS AUGUST 27-SEPT. 2

Mary Cook (28)
Nancy Smith (28)
Lindsay Miller (28)
Rocky Baugher (29)
Clarence Hendrickson (29)
Gene Shirley (31)
Barb Hayes (31)
Dan Moll (1)
Mildred Sarrazin (1)
Mildred Jewell (1)
Jason Cobb (1)
Raymond Sarrazin (2)
Grace Truby (2)
Evelyn Yeoman (2)

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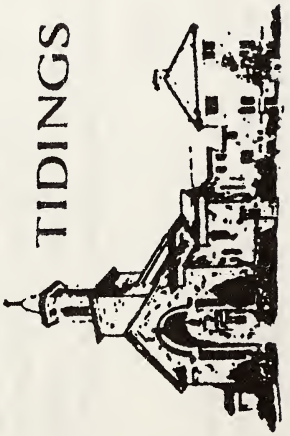

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FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH AND NEW MEMBERS LUNCHEON - THIS SUNDAY

This Sunday, August 30, we want to invite those people who have been coming to church and are thinking of joining to a luncheon after second service. This will give you a chance to meet the ministers, talk about the churches ministry and how you can participate.

ALSO

New members who have joined since October, '91, are invited to this luncheon. After the meal we will go to a different room and talk about the different activities of the church and ways you can participate if you wish. We want to take our new members pictures for our new member display. Hope to see everyone this Sunday!

AUGUST ADVENTURES - GOING TO THE FORT THIS SUNDAY!

Children 3 years to 5th grade will be going to the Fort leaving at 9:30 a.m. and returning by 12:00 noon. Adults with children can send their children to the Fort and stay for Breakfast Plus!

TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEMBERS

When you come this Saturday for the Board Retreat to Pokagon State Park, tell the guard at the gate that you are with First Christian Church and they will not charge you to enter.

We will meet in the Friendship room - ask at the front desk of the Potawatomi Inn and they will direct you. There is an exit off of 69 for Pokagon, I believe it is exit 154. We will carpool from the church leaving at 8:00 a.m. Casual attire!

FROM HERE TO ZEHR

Sunday we had our installation service for Rev. Diane Zehr as she begins her two-thirds time work as Minister of Faith Development. Rev. Barbara Blaisdell was our guest speaker lifting up the theme of "Blessing," that we may receive God's blessing, that we may give God's blessing to others. "The blessing" is something we all seek, either from our parents, friends, and minister. We as ministers seek your blessing, your affirmation, and your support. May you give a blessing to someone who needs it this week.

It was a very nice day and I am looking forward to the ways Diane will be able to help us all deepen our faith.

See you Sunday.

Peace,

Jerry

P.S. The Youth Council met Sunday evening and planned our Fall Kick-off for youth and parents for September 13. I really hope every parent with youth will try to be there!

REMINDER TO THOSE GOING TO SEE "NUNSENSE" - WE WILL BE LEAVING FROM THE CHURCH ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, AT 8:30 A.M.

JOYS & CONCERNS

Our sympathy is extended to Ressie Ehresman and family in the death of Earl Ehresman.

Pete Genoff has gone home from Lutheran Hospital.

THANK YOU'S

Thank you to Jean McGrew and everyone who helped for my reception last Sunday. The music by Ellen Duncan, Mike Walsh, Valetta Parlette, and Jenny Zimmerman was beautiful. Thank you to everyone who was able to come and make my installation very special!

Many thanks to all who helped make the Summer Sunday School program, "Together in Jesus' Name" a success: Charlotte Ewing, Sarah Glasgow, Lindsay Miller, Kelly Walsh, Nick and Alison Knappenbergen, Jim and Sara Davis, Maggie Smith, Chandra Duncan, Jean McGrew, Ralph Church, and Diane Zehr.

By working together the lives of 20 children were touched on and off this summer.

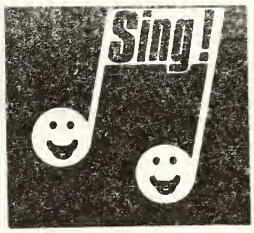
Kris Ohneck

FOOD BANK NEEDS:

Noodles, macaroni, baby food, disposable diapers, hot cereal, misc.

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP - AUGUST 23

Jan Post, 6026 S. Calhoun St, Robert & Esther Schinbeckler, 4500 E.St.Rd. 14, Columbia City.



DO YOU LIKE TO SING?

The choir will be warming up for the fall starting next week on Thursday, September 3 at 7:00 p.m. If you like to sing but haven't been able to in the past because of schedule conflicts, we hope you will join us.

DON'T FORGET - pictures are being taken this Friday and Saturday. If you signed up, don't forget your time slot!

POTATO PATCH SURPRISE

SEPTEMBER 13 - 5:30 P.M.

All parents and their youth are invited to attend. This is our fall kick-off for our youth groups and Creative Arts program.

If you have a child in 1-5 grade we hope you will come and bring your child.

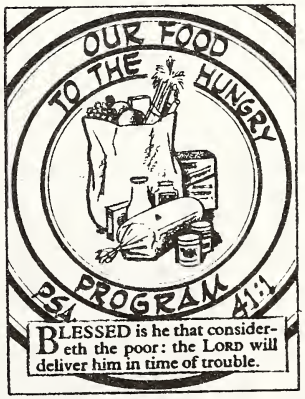
If you have a youth in 6-8 grade, come and bring your youth.

If you have a youth in 9-12 grade, come and bring your youth.

The food will be **BIG BAKED POTATOES** with a lot of surprises to put on them. Help get your youth involved in the church. Come and participate with your youth September 13 at 5:30 p.m. at the church!

FOOD BANK REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JULY, 1992

Families served	54
Individuals	201
First Time	26
Repeats	28
Estimated meals	3,015



CAN YOU HELP?

Anyone who would have pictures or information pertaining to the church when it was located on Jefferson Street or in reference to the move to Calhoun St., please bring to the church office. Thank you.

SERVING AUGUST 30

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Mildred Hartman and Bill Johnson

10:45 A.M. Dave Kreischer and Rosemary Krull

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. K. Blocher, B. Hendricks, M. Hutchinson, C. Davis

10:45 A.M. J. Mounsey, S. Kerley, M. McFarland, M. Orr, K. Walsh, T. Hatten, J. Hatten, S. Sendelbach

USHERS

8:15 A.M. J. Ott, C. Byrket, C. Davis

10:45 A.M. C. McGrew, E. Nordblom, S. Brey, G. Baughman

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S. Oden - E. Yeoman

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EVANGELISM CALLERS

TEAM I-Don & Sue Oden

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

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10:45 A.M. Linda Stover

CHURCH CALENDAR

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9:30 A.M. Church School

9:30 A.M. August Adventures

9:30 A.M. Breakfast Plus

10:45 A.M. Second Worship

12:00 NOON Prospects and new member luncheon

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

8:30 A.M. D.M.A. to see "Nunsense"

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

9:30 A.M. Naomi Group

7:00 P.M. CHANCEL CHOIR PRACTICE BEGINS

BIRTHDAYS SEPTEMBER 3-9

Pauline Snyder (3)

Jessica Hatten (3)

Diane Mony (4)

Mark Rayl (4)

Ellen Duncan (7)

Teresa Hatten (7)

Marilyn Rayl (8)

Katherine Smart (8)

Kris Ohneck (9)

Fall Kickoff

SEPTEMBER 13

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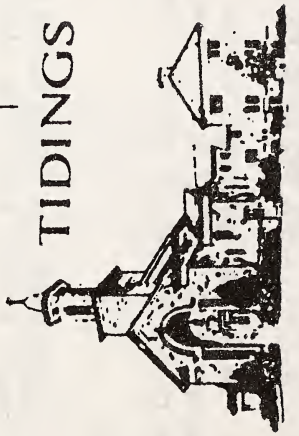

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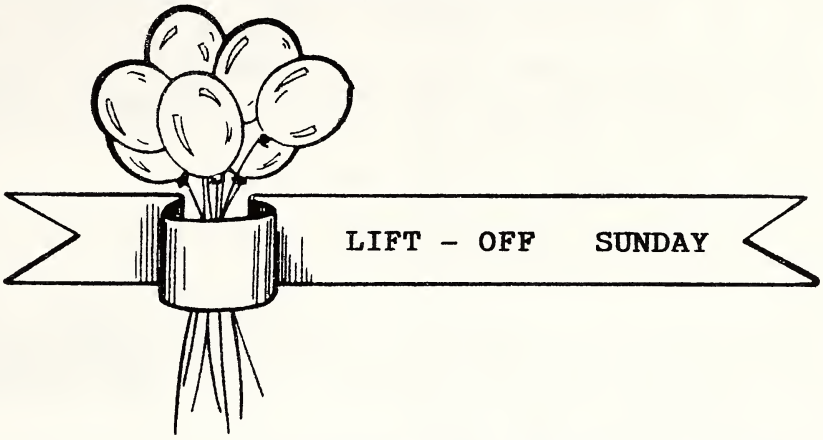


A new year of adventures in faith begins this Sunday when.....

--Sunday School for all ages begins

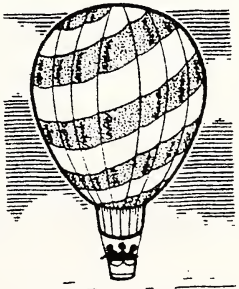
--Teachers will be installed during second worship

--Our choir will resume singing in worship under the direction of our new music director John Kratzat

--Jerry Zimmerman will be back as organist

You can see by this full newsletter that opportunities for "turning over a new leaf" of faith this fall is possible for every one of the members and friends at First Christian Church.

Join a Sunday School class - commit yourself to getting your kids (and others you know) here each Sunday. Worship regularly, attend a short-term workshop, live your faith!!



IT WILL GIVE YOU A LIFT AND GOD TOO!

FROM HERE TO ZEHR

This Sunday is our re-covenanting Sunday. A time to re-covenant our commitment with Christ, with God, and with God's church. Some of you have been away over the summer time and have missed the church because of vacation and schedules. I hope you will make every effort to be here this Sunday. The choir comes back and we kick-off the fall in a joyous way!

On August 25 at a special called Board meeting, the Board of Trustees called John Kratzat to be our Director of Music. John will be responsible for the adult chancel choir and bell choir, and to give oversight to our junior bell choir and Creative Arts program. We are very excited to have John Kratzat be a part of our church. He has an extensive background in choir and instrumental music (see his article in this newsletter). I hope that this Sunday you will have an opportunity to greet John and his family after second service during coffee hour time. I hope you will all make John and his family welcome in our congregation!

I look forward to seeing everyone in church this Sunday as we re-covenant our lives with God and God's church.

Peace,

Jerry

JOYS & CONCERNS

Our sympathy is extended to Lee Baugher and family in the death of Rocky Baugher.

Our sympathy is extended to Almeda Rice and family in the recent death of her brother.

Rolland Ripple has gone home from St. Joseph Hospital.

Introducing new members

Marie Miller, 5620 S. Webster St. - Phone: 745-2172.

Jacob Smelser, 536-2 Wallen Hills Drive - Phone: 489-0010.

Charles & Bernice Schnobel, 7227 Moeller Road, Lot 41 - Phone: 493-2821.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!

FOOD BANK NEEDS:

Noodles, macaroni, baby food, disposable diapers, hot cereal, misc.

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP - SEPTEMBER 6

Lynette and Kevin Bleed, 3917 Indiana Avenue; Dawn Harden, Steven, Sara, and Andy Barva, 4830 Warsaw St.; Lynn, Jennifer, and Lindsay Medlin.

YOU ARE INVITED

POTATO-E PATCH SURPRISE

THIS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

5:00 - 6:30 P.M.

This event is for all youth grades 1-12 and PARENTS! We will eat some BIG baked potatoes with a variety of surprise toppings!

AND.....

Talk about the year program for our -

CYF - 9th-12th grades
Chi Rho - 6th-8th grades
Creative Arts - 1st-5th grades

For our YOUTH PROGRAM to be a SUCCESS WE NEED THE PARENTS SUPPORT! Will you make every effort to come this Sunday, September 13 at First Christian Church. If you have any questions call Jerry Zehr.

CHRISTIAN LITERATURE WEEK - SEPTEMBER 20 & 27

Christian Literature Week book display and sale will be held in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, September 20 & 27.

BROWN COUNTY - OCTOBER 6

We will be taking a trip to Brown County on Tuesday, October 6. Cost depends on how many go as to whether we go by cars or on a bus. We will eat at the Abe Martin Lodge and this will cost $6.48 which includes the tip and drink.

We will tour Nashville and the park. Reservations into the church office by Monday, September 14.

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The next general meeting of the CWF at the church on Saturday, September 26 at 9:00 a.m. will be a shower for our Church nursery. Many of our toys are broken and need to be replaced and updated. We'll include a "wish list" in the next newsletter so you'll have some ideas of what is needed.

HURRICANE RELIEF

Rev. Diane Zehr spoke to the pastor of Ludlam Christian Church in Miami, Florida and while she was on the phone three people were in Rev. Bill Young's office seeking help. If you want a more direct channel for your relief donations (either of material supplies or money), they will be happy to receive them and be a clearing house. Send to:

Rev. Bill Young
Ludlam Christian Church
6790 S. West 12th Street
Miami, FL 33144

WOMEN IN TRANSITION

BEGINNING MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

6:30 - 8:00 P.M.

Beginning Monday, September 28, WOMEN IN TRANSITION, an 8 week series for women approaching midlife or leaving young adulthood who are not in immediate crisis but find themselves asking "is this all there is?" or "where do I want to go from here?" We will explore relational, professional, personal, and spiritual issues.

LEADER: Margaret McCray-Worrall

REGISTER AT THE CHURCH OFFICE - 744-3239

AN INVITATION

My name is John Kratzat and I will be the new Music Director at First Christian Church. In this article I hope to provide a little background on me personally and what I hope to accomplish in the music program.

I must tell you right away that if you have a love of music, you are welcome. So please accept this invitation to join either of the adult choirs and experience first hand the joy of music.

Music has been a part of my life as far back as I can remember. I have a BS in Music Education from Ball State and additional hours on the Master level in conducting at Butler. The first eight years out of college I taught all music at the Jr. High and High School level.

After changing to a business career, I found that Church Music was the ideal way to use my skills on a part time basis. Our family moved to Indiana this past winter. The hardest part of our decision was leaving our Church in Texas and the two adult choirs with 55+ voices.

I am excited about the opportunities and level of commitment to the music program at First. You have a strong musical heritage and I hope to help it continue to grow.

What can you expect? Well, I can be crafty and tell you that you won't know unless you join the program! But I will share some insight. I appreciate classical music through contemporary. I believe that almost all styles of music have a message for us. My criteria is how well the music is arranged and do we have the resources to perform it well.

I also hope to tap into the resources of the instrumentalists in the Church and use them as much as appropriate. I believe that participating in the music program should be fulfilling and fun! I look forward to getting to know everyone as friends as well as musicians.

And finally, as a family, we look forward to making First our Church Home. Please welcome Andrew (age 8), Amanda (age 6), Katharine (age 2.5) and my wife, Janet (age a secret).

DO YOU LIKE TO SING OR PLAY THE BELLS?

The choir has begun to rehearse and is in full voice beginning their rehearsals at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday evenings. If you'd like to sing and join in the ministry of the choir please come and join us.

Would you like to play the Bells? Our Bell Choir begins rehearsal September 17 at 5:30 p.m. We invite everyone who has played in the Bells over the past years to come and participate in the Bell Choir again this fall.

SOFTBALL, SOFTBALL, SOFTBALL - SEPTEMBER 20, 4:00 P.M.

First Christian Church, Auburn, has CHALLENGED our church to a softball game where loser buys the pizza. On September 20, 4:00 p.m. we will go up to Auburn and play their church in a 7 inning softball game. We will leave from our church at 3:00 p.m. We invite everyone who enjoys playing softball to come and enjoy in the fellowship and the fun together!

BREAD DISTRIBUTION - 8:00 A.M. - SEPTEMBER 19

Our Evangelism Committee is sponsoring a Bread Distribution to 600 families in our neighborhood as a way of reaching out to our community. Would you like to help? It will take approximately two hours to go in teams of two and pass out these small loaves of bread as a way of inviting people from our neighborhood to worship. If you are interested, please call the church office to reserve a spot for you!

SOMEDAY, SUNDAY

BRING A FRIEND SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 27

Do you have a friend who has said to you when you have invited them to church, "I'll come someday." Well this is a Sunday for those someday people. On September 27 we are having a special emphasis of encouraging people from the congregation to bring a friend who does not participate in a church at this time.

Why don't you ask that friend or co-worker who you have invited to worship and they have always responded "I'll come to worship someday" to come September 27 to our "Someday, Sunday."

SERMON PREVIEW

SERMON TITLE: Come One, Come All

SCRIPTURE: Hosea 4:1-3, 5:15-6:6
I Timothy 1:12-17

Hosea speaks of the covenant between God and humanity and God's world and the people in Hosea's time that had withdrawn from God and care of the land and so that God withdrew from the people. Paul writes to Timothy in the Epistle lesson of God's mercy and God's continuing to give us grace even when we have sinned against God. Can God withdraw and at the same time love us and connect with us and care for us?

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING - MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 7:00 P.M.

Our guest will be the Rev. Charles Blaisdell, Associate Regional Minister who will help us in organizing our stewardship drive for the fall. All members of the Stewardship Committee, please be at this meeting.

IS THE FILM READY - TAKE A PICTURE

Have you signed up for our new Pictorial Directory? We have approximately 135 families that have signed up and our goal is to have 150 families in our Directory. The more families we have participating the more free activity pages we are given from Olan Mills. We'd like to have your picture in the Directory. If you have not signed up for a time slot for September 22, 23, and 24, please call Karen Bushey at 747-3770.

YOUNG ADULTS FALL FALL-OUT - OCTOBER 2, 6:30 P.M.

We will gather together this evening for a pitch-in supper and planning our activities for the year. Place will be announced later. Mark this date on your calendar for fun, food, and fellowship!!

DATES TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR:

C.R.O.P. Walk - October 4, 1992
Anniversary Celebration for 40 years at this sight, 1952-1992, November 1 during worship.
Marriage Enrichment Weekend - November 6 & 7, 1992
Harvest Dinner - November 15, 1992

SERVING SEPTEMBER 13

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Bob Hendricks and Charles Ewing

10:45 A.M. Charles Hatten and

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. Jt. Myers, J. Myers, B. Lindsay, J. Lindsay

10:45 A.M. L. Brey, S. Brey, K. Taylor, D. McEvoy, D. Mey, Db. Rinker, E. Yeoman, L. Bushey

USHERS

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10:45 A.M. C. McGrew, H. Nordblom, C. Falbe, G. Miller

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- D. Mey

C. Hatten - C. Murray

B. Franklin - J. Mounsey

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TEAM II-John Truesdell & Bob Smith

CHURCH CALENDAR

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10:45 A.M. Second Worship

5:00 P.M. Potato Patch Surprise/Youth Groups Kick-Off

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

7:00 P.M. Stewardship Committee with Charles Blaisdell

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

7:00 P.M. Sarah Group

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

5:30 P.M. Carillon begins

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

C.L.E.A.R. Day

BREAD DISTRIBUTION

BIRTHDAYS SEPTEMBER 10-23

Janice Ashton (10)
Erin Proegler (11)
Ruth Plummer (12)
Sandy Zimmerman (12)
Rita Alexander (12)
Kevin Byrket (12)
Barb Rumpel (12)
Beulah Timmons (13)
Edith Varner (13)
Edna Nordblom (15)
Almeda Rice (15)
Marvel Brickley (15)
Tracey Kiessling (15)
Dan Flickinger (17)
Ginny Johnson (19)
Mary Novachcoff (19)
Maggie Smith (19)
Klark Kerley (20)
Rosalie Hall (20)
Ruth Norton (21)
Ellen Crowder (21)
Westin Hudlow (22)
Brian Prechtl (22)
Anita Ellis (23)

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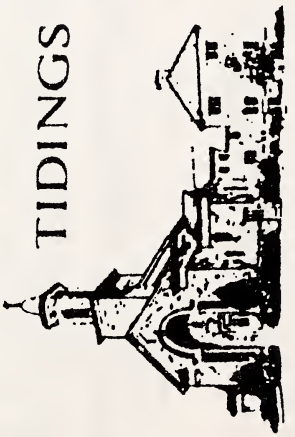

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BRING A FRIEND

SOMEDAY, SUNDAY

How many of us have ever thought, "Someday I'd like to invite a friend, co-worker, a neighbor to come to church with me." Yet all too often that "SOMEDAY" never arrives. Well THIS IS IT - Someday, Sunday, September 27.

Now is the time you can bring a friend to worship. There will be wonderful music and worship that will lift you and send you into your week strengthened and refreshed.

Don't keep your church and what it means to your life a secret. Share the love of God with others.

MAKE SOMEDAY TODAY

INVITE A FRIEND TO WORSHIP!

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The book, "How to Build a Magnetic Church" - Herb Miller tells the story. "The pastor called on a young couple for six years. They were always pleasant and said they planned to attend, but they never did. In the 6th year, a lay person who knew the husband invited him to play on the church softball team. He was an excellent pitcher and the team started winning games. A few weeks later the family attended. Three months later, they joined. Three years later, he was elected to chair the Board. There you have it; a dedicated, faithful, capable, theologically trained, evangelistically oriented pastor visited for 6 years - nothing. An untrained, friendly lay person who likes softball visits for one week - success. Invite someone to church this week. Research indicates that the second step people take towards God is visiting a worship service. The first step is when someone invites them."

September 27 is our Someday, Sunday. I hope you will invite someone to come and worship with us on Bring a Friend Sunday!

Peace,
Jerry

P.S. Wasn't the worship service fantastic last Sunday? If you weren't here you missed a great anthem by our choir. I can't wait to hear them sing this coming Sunday. Hope everyone can be here with us as our community comes together to worship God.

JOYS & CONCERNS

George Davis is a patient at Parkview Hospital.

Dave Kreischer has gone home from St. Joseph Hospital.

Jack Phillips is a patient at Lutheran Hospital.

Our sympathy is extended to Michael Piatt and his family in the recent death of his grandfather.

Congratulations to Dick and Rebecca Widmer in the birth of a baby girl, Mariah Christine, born on September 10, 1992.

Congratulations also to Ken and Elinor Place who are the proud great-grandparents of Ashley Nicole born September 12!

THANK YOU'S

Many thanks to Rev. Jerry and Rev. Diane Zehr and all of our friends for your cards, telephone calls, and prayers showing your concern and love at the time of my hospitalization.

Most Sincerely,
Rolland Ripple

A special thank you to Jerry Zehr and for all others who expressed their concern and sympathy during the sickness and death of Earl Ehresman.

Ressie Ehresman
and
Reba Fusselman

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WISH LIST:

1. Big Block Set - a set of seven soft, vinyl covered cubes for toddlers to stack or build. 4 - 8"x8"x8", 2 - 8"x8"x16" and 1 - 8"x16"x16". - $89.50

2. Beginner Puzzles - wood puzzles with 5 pieces each. Themes are pets, fruit, zoo, farm, vegetables - $8.95 each or all five for $44.00.

3. Noah's Ark - Padded cotten ark holds 18 stuffed animals (in pairs) and Noah. - $31.95

4. Picture frames for prints for the walls - $20.00 and $15.00.

Other items: large truck, riding toy, baby doll, children's books, small size table and chairs, play telephone, Jack in the Box, pots and pans for the stove, dishes and dish rack for the sink, infant carrier seat, pat mat (for infants) water filled mat with toys that move as baby pats it, portable tape player for music, and story books with cassette tapes.

HURRICANE RELIEF

Rev. Diane Zehr spoke to the pastor of Ludlam Christian Church in Miami, Florida and while she was on the phone three people were in Rev. Bill Young's office seeking help. If you want a more direct channel for your relief donations (either of material supplies or money), they will be happy to receive them and be a clearing house. Send to:

Rev. Bill Young
Ludlam Christian Church
6790 S. West 12th Street
Miami, FL 33144

BREAD DISTRIBUTION - 8:00 A.M. - THIS SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Our Evangelism Committee is sponsoring a Bread Distribution to 600 families in our neighborhood as a way of reaching out to our community. Would you like to help? It will take approximately two hours to go in teams of two and pass out these small loaves of bread as a way of inviting people from our neighborhood to worship. If you are interested, please call the church office to reserve a spot for you!

FROM DIANE ZEHR

"What a day! What a day!" (I've learned this phrase from our custodian, John Perry).

Lift Off Sunday, September 13, did indeed lift our hearts with an exceedingly full day of fall beginnings.

--50 children and 35 adults filled our Sunday School classes.
--only a few helium balloons were unleashed to the ceiling.
--our elders took balloons and greetings from Sunday School to our homebound members who receive communion.
--nearly 100 parents, youth, and children came back in the evening for our Potato Patch Planning Event.
--the choir sang magnificently under John Kratzat's direction.

Our teachers and youth sponsors are installed and ready to pass on the faith. It is clear that the members and friends of First Christian Church want to grow in faith and spirit.

Could a Minister of Faith Development ask for anything more - "I don't think so."

Grace and Peace,

Diane Zehr

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP - 9-13-92

Jerry and Lynn Medlin, 7412 Saddleback, IA 46804.

PLEASE NOTE

Miriam Bixenman and Peg Buskirk will be visiting us in worship this Sunday and we will honor them at the coffee hour.

Y·O·U·T·H
FELLOWSHIP

YOUTH FLASH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 IS OUR FIRST

NIGHT FOR ALL YOUTH GROUPS

CREATIVE ARTS

CHI RHO

CYF

TIME: 6:00 - 7:30 P.M.

FOR CHI RHO (6TH-8TH) AND CYF (9TH-12TH)

Come play volleyball, a sound scavenger hunt (find the voice of Elvis!), and me to hang-out and have some real rap. Don't be a mental - be there!

CREATIVE ARTS (GRADES 1-5) will also meet at the same time so parents will not have to make two trips.

We have a new Children's Director, Ellen Duncan, who has some new and fun songs to sing and wild crafts to do!

CROP WALK

Do you want to do something about hunger? The annual **CROP WALK** will take place on October 4 at 2:00 p.m. at the Foellinger Theatre at Franke Park. This is a 10 kilometer walk in Franke Park for those who want to participate and can't walk that far. We especially are encouraging children, senior citizens, and those not use to a lot of walking to take the short course. Pledges will be gotten by the walkers from their family, friends, neighbors, and church members for world hunger. The funds will be sent to Church World Service and 1/4 of all funds will be returned to Fort Wayne for use in the Associated Churches Foodbank Ministry. The theme for the 1992 walk will be "Freedom from Hunger: 1 in 5". This means that 1 in 5 children are hungry in America, Allen County, and in Fort Wayne today. There will be special crop walk hats for the first 300 that sign up on October 4th. Registration will begin at 1:00 p.m. Bring the family and/or church family and have a great time together helping others.

WOMEN IN TRANSITION

BEGINNING MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

6:30 - 8:00 P.M.

Beginning Monday, September 28, WOMEN IN TRANSITION, an 8 week series for women approaching midlife or leaving young adulthood who are not in immediate crisis but find themselves asking "is this all there is?" or "where do I want to go from here?" We will explore relational, professional, personal, and spiritual issues.

LEADER: Margaret McCray-Worrall
REGISTER AT THE CHURCH OFFICE - 744-3239

SPLINTERS FROM THE BOARD

At the special "Called Board Meeting" in August, the board was presented with a dilema. The boiler needed replaced at a cost of $14,280.92. The board voted to replace it and will have to borrow the money to pay for it. A Capital Fund Drive may be considered next spring to pay this off, as well as take on other projects in the church. A motion was brought from Personnel to hire John Kratzat as our Director of Music. The motion was passed unanimously.

At the September Board meeting, Rev. Zehr opened with worship and then followed the Minutes and Treasurer's Report. We had the Ministers' reports and then recommendation of items for discussion. The Personnel Committee came with a recommendation to hire Ellen Duncan to direct our Creative Arts program from September to May. The motion was passed unanimously. There was an update for the Memorial Report and then the Board voted to have as our Theme for the 1992 year - "Courage for the Past - Hope for the Future." We then reviewed each committees goals for the next program year. Finally there was a short discussion about our 40 Year Anniversary, November 1, of being in this building from 1952-1992. We had reports from the different committees and a closing prayer by Rev. Zehr.

Complete copies of the minutes are on the table in the Narthex for anyone who is interested in reading them.

SERMON PREVIEW

SERMON TITLE: "Learning is Living"

SCRIPTURE: I Timothy 2:1-7

Paul speaks to us as being a teacher in faith and truth. Who has been a guide or teacher of faith in your life? What have you learned from them? What are you continuing to learn about your relationship with God?

IS THE FILM READY - TAKE A PICTURE

Have you signed up for our new Pictorial Directory? We have approximately 135 families that have signed up and our goal is to have 150 families in our Directory. The more families we have participating the more free activity pages we are given from Olan Mills. We'd like to have your picture in the Directory. If you have not signed up for a time slot for September 22, 23, and 24, please call Karen Bushey at 747-3770.

YOUNG ADULTS FALL FALL-OUT - OCTOBER 2, 6:30 P.M.

We will gather together this evening for a pitch-in supper and planning our activities for the year. Place will be announced later. Mark this date on your calendar for fun, food, and fellowship!!

AN "INTRODUCTION TO WORSHIP" CLASS will be held for all second graders beginning this Sunday, September 20 during extended session. The class will also meet on September 27 and October 4. Class participants will be welcomed into worship October 11. The teacher for this class will be Bill Johnson. Parents of second graders are urged to have their children involved in this meaningful class.

CHRISTIAN LITERATURE WEEK - SEPTEMBER 20 & 27

Christian Literature Week book display and sale will be held this Sunday and September 27 in Fellowship Hall.

SERVING SEPTEMBER 20

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Bill Crouse and Lauren Ewing

10:45 A.M. Rosemary Krull and Dick Vanderwall

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. T. Knuckles, N. Knappenberger, B. Hendricks, C. Davis

10:45 A.M. J. Walsh, J. Mounsey, J.Franklin, T.Critell, T.Hatten, J. Hatten, K. Walsh, M. Orr

USHERS

8:15 A.M. J. Ott, C. Davis, J. Young

10:45 A.M. C. McGrew, G. Braughman, D.J. Rinker, D. McEvoy

COMMUNION PREPARATION

S. Zimmerman-D. McEvoy

ACOLYTES

Megan McEvoy & Brian Rinker

EXTENDED SESSION I LEADER

Ken Taylor

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Mildred Hutchinson

EVANGELISM CALLERS

TEAM I-Jean & Charles McGrew

TEAM II-M.Hartman & M.Hutchinson

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M.

10:45 A.M.

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

8:00 A.M. Bread Distribution

C.L.E.A.R. DAY

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

8:15 A.M. First Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Second Worship

4:00 P.M. Softball Game at Auburn

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

7:00 P.M. Committee Chairs

7:30 P.M. Committees

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

5:30 P.M. Carillon

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

9:00 A.M. CWF Sponsors Church Nursery Shower

BIRTHDAYS SEPTEMBER 24-30

Robert Petty (24)
Jenny Harter (25)
Mark Mishler (25)
Dorothy Overmyer (26)
Anabella Kneischer (28)
Ralph Richard (29)
John Briggs (29)
Bunt Long (29)
Lonnie Markley (29)

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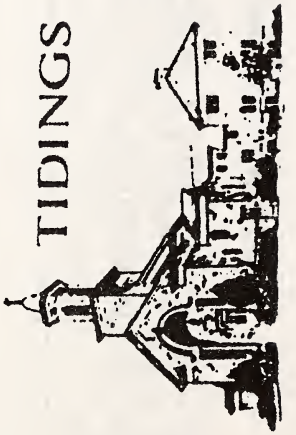

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"Courage From the Past - Hope for the Future"
Volume XLVV September 23, 1992 No. 35

How many of us have ever thought, "Someday I'd like to invite a friend, co-worker, a neighbor to come to church with me." Yet all too often that "SOMEDAY" never arrives. Well THIS IS IT - Someday, Sunday, September 27.

Now is the time you can bring a friend to worship. There will be wonderful music and worship that will lift you and send you into your week strengthened and refreshed.

Don't keep your church and what it means to your life a secret. Share the love of God with others.

MAKE SOMEDAY TODAY

INVITE A FRIEND TO WORSHIP!

YOUTH FLASH

Sunday, September 27 is the first meeting night for all youth activities. From 6:00-7:30 p.m. the following groups will meet:

CREATIVE ARTS (1st-5th grades) will meet in the downstairs classroom next to the Food Bank for singing and crafts.

CHI RHO (6th-8th grades) and CYF (9th-12th grades) will begin their year together in Fellowship Hall with a volleyball game, a sound scavenger hunt, and some good discussion time.

FROM HERE TO ZEHR

This Sunday we will be celebrating the Reconciliation Ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Reconciliation is the Disciples primary program to tackle poverty and racism in North America. Since its beginning in 1967, it has raised and allocated more than one-half million dollars each year in its effort to bring hope and self-determination to the poor and powerless. Our Reconciliation Ministries began in the 60's during the Civil Rights movement and has continued to work on building bridges for races and different cultures and ministries of Reconciliation for the poor and those who have felt disinfrancised from our society.

The idea of Reconciliation with those who are different than us is a concept that everyone agrees is important to do but we realize it is very difficult to accomplish. It takes an effort to see through the eyes of the one who we are separated from and to invite dialogue and discussion with those people who are different than us.

May we as a church continue to look at ways of reaching into our community to those who come from different backgrounds, traditions, and cultures, and how we can connect with those people that they may know they are a part of the family of God.

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JOYS & CONCERNS

George Davis is home from the hospital.

Kyle Kerley is recuperating at home from knee surgery.

Grace Truby will have eye surgery this week.

Ruby Kolkman will have cataract surgery this week.

THANK YOU'S

If all of the individuals who sent me a card while I was in the hospital recuperating from my heart attack would attend the same service, I am sure the sanctuary would not be big enough. I was extremely grateful for each and every one. Thank you for the cards, visits, and food for the family. There is power in prayer, and I am living proof!

George Davis

Even though we have been out of the mainstream of life, this wonderful "Family of God" reached out to us during his long illness and to the family after. I don't know why I was so surprised, but I am truly thankful!

Love & God's Blessing to you all.

Lee Baugher

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP -

9-20-92

Kristi Brown, 1906 Ardmore, #16.

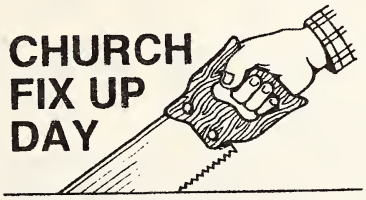
HERE TO ZEHR CONTINUED)

This Sunday is also "Someday, Sunday", a way of reaching out to those who have not experienced the power of God's Spirit in their lives. May you make a special effort to invite someone to worship this week._____ Who's name will you put in this space that you will invite to worship this Sunday?

Peace,

Jerry

P.S. Don't forget parents - this Sunday evening is our first youth meeting and I hope that you will make every effort to have your youth here at the church.



SHARE THE CARE DAY

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3 - 8:00 A.M.

Invest an hour or two or more in your church, an investment in eternal life. Bring your favorite tool, whether it be a paint brush, shovel, or a mop bucket. Free mowing lessons will be given to eligible candidates!

According to the Allen County Assessors in 1989, the true value of YOUR CHURCH is $982,200 with an assessment value of $327,000. Let us keep that value up.

The check is in the mail.

For millions of elderly, disabled, or disadvantaged people in the United States the days at the end of the month are the longest — and the hungriest.

Emergencies, illness, and inflation often strain the limited resources of those on fixed incomes. For them the compassionate services of a local food bank or pantry are a Godsend — an extra measure of nourishment until next month's social security or disability check is received.

Soon, a CROP Walk for the Hungry will take place in our community. Part of the funds raised by walkers and sponsors will be set aside by Church World Service to help in our local outreach to the poor.

Check with our recruiter. You can help stop hunger — around the world and on the home front too!

When: Sunday, October 4
Where: Foellinger Theatre
Time: 2:00p.m.
Recruiter: Teresa Hatten
447-2649

HELP CROP STOP HUNGER

Necessities

CWF SPONSORS CHURCH NURSERY SHOWER

That's why we need to refurbish the toys and equipment for the more than 14 infants and toddlers who stay in the nursery on Sundays.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 9:00 A.M. at the church, CWF will host a shower for our church nursery. If you would like to give money it will go towards purchasing the following items from Constructive Playthings:

1. Big Block Set - a set of seven soft, vinyl covered cubes for toddlers to stack or build. 4 - 8"x8"x8", 2 - 8"x8"x16" and 1 - 8"x16"x16". - $89.50
2. Beginner Puzzles - wood puzzles with 5 pieces each. Themes are pets, fruit, zoo, farm, vegetables - $8.95 each or all five for $44.00.
3. Noah's Ark - padded cotton ark holds 18 stuffed animals (in pairs) and Noah. - $31.95.
4. Picture frames for prints for the walls - $20.00 and $15.00.

If you would like to bring a gift here are some suggestions: large truck, riding toy, baby doll, children's books, small size table and chairs, play telephone, Jack in the Box, pots and pans for the stove, dishes and dish rack for the sink, infant carrier seat, pat mat (for infants) water filled mat with toys that move as baby pats it, portable tape player for music, and story books with cassette tapes.

All of the mothers of children who come to the nursery have received a special invitation so let's be here to let them know we do care for them.

THE CWF will also be selling their 1993-94 two-year pocket planning calendars. They will be selling them after first and second worship services this Sunday, September 27. Cost is $2.00 each. Buy some for your friends!

THE CWF will be going to the Byron Health Center September 28 to do a bingo for the patients. We need small items for prizes like: candy bars, crackers and cheese, small kleenex packages, body lotion, jewelry, etc. You may bring them to the church this Sunday, September 27. There will be a box inside the door off the parking lot.

PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE (PRC)

A PRC Committee has been formed for Rev. Jerry Zehr. The members are: John Kelly, Mildred Hartman, Evelyn Yeoman, Roger Moll, and Bud Ludwig. The purpose of a PRC is two-fold; (1) to be a sounding board for the pastor, giving counsel and feedback concerning ideas and issues in the life of the church, (2) for members of the congregation who have ideas or concerns for the minister to discuss may contact one of these members or the minister for their discussion. The minister and committee welcome your input in our ministry together. Rev. Diane Zehr will be putting together a Pastoral Relations Committee for her in the next month.

WEEK OF COMPASSION REPORT

Florida: David Vargas, pastor-elect for the Hispanic community, and Jimmie Gentle, regional minister of Florida, visited the devastated area the weekend of August 29-30, and spent time with the Disciples congregations affected. Many church families report damaged homes, but few injuries and no loss of life.

Church World Service had representatives in Florida, Louisiana and Texas monitoring the hurricane as it approached. As soon as possible after the storm, they assessed damage and reported to CWS. CWS sent family tents (some used for migrants who lost mobile homes), roofing material, blankets and health kits (soap and towel, comb, toothpaste and tooth brush). An interfaith coalition was formed on September 2 for disaster response. Concern is for low income families, the elderly, migrants and refugees. Four CWS tents house a field hospital operated by the Cuban-American community.

*NOTE: Urgently needed now are kitchen starter kits, bedding and food kits which you can help provide. See Diane Zehr about information for the kits and where you can ship them.

FROM THE OUTREACH AND SERVICE COMMITTEE

We are pleased to announce the acceptance of First Christian Church into the "Ministry Initiatives for the Nineties" project. This project furthers the Outreach and Service committee's 1992-93 goal of strengthening and encouraging Christian Service to meet local needs.

At the July Board meeting it was voted to include First Christian Church as one of 12 churches in this state-wide program whose goal is to create vital ministries between churches and their communities.

It is funded by the Lilly Endowment and directed by Carl Dudley, a professor at McCormick's Seminary in Chicago.

In the first year of the two year project a task force from our church will meet with professional consultants to assess our church and community, developing a strategy for mission to match our strengths with our communities needs. The second year will be the implementation of the strategy.

The task force has been assembled and the first meeting took place on Saturday, September 19. Those members are: David Rinker, Charles Hatten, Teresa Hatten, Eric Rieke, Bill Franklin, Jerry Zehr, and Diane Zehr. The task force will work as a branch of the church's vine, drawing both nourishment and support from the rest of us.

I am very proud to be a part of this ministry and look forward to working with both the task force and the congregation on this project in the months ahead.

In Christ,
Nick Knappenberger
Chairman, Outreach & Service

WOMEN/MEN/CHURCH: STRENGTH IN UNITY is a study sponsored by CMF/CWF to be held each Wednesday in October at 7:00 p.m. We'll explore and celebrate the unique gifts that women and men bring to the church and discover ways to bring the full partnership of women and men into vital ministries for all God's creation.

YOUNG ADULTS FALL-FALL OUT - OCTOBER 2, 6:30 P.M.

COVINGTON CREEK CLUBHOUSE

Bring a dish or two of food to share. Diane and Jerry Zehr will furnish the main dish and drinks.

We'll eat and catch up on what has been happening over the summer and plan our year of events.

THANK YOU

Many thanks to all those who helped with the bread distribution last Saturday, September 19. A special thanks to Jack and Bobbie Lindsay for their generous contribution of plastic bags from Custom Poly. Those involved with the assembly and delivery were: Mildred Hartman, Mildred Hutchinson, Miriam Bixenman, Peggy Buskirk, Edna Nordblom, Beverly Hendricks, Mary Wilhelm, Sam Hayes, Molly Baughman, Leo Heimann, Jo Franklin, Dustin McEvoy, Julie Heimann, Laurie Bushey, Sue and Don Oden, Brian and Margaret Prechtl, Dave Kreischer, and Dick and Erma Vanderwall.

Evangelism Committee: Graham Baughman, Judy Church, Betty Grimm, Woody Klepfer, Donna McEvoy, Bob Smith, and Evelyn Yeoman

CLOTHING COLLECTION FOR FT. WAYNE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

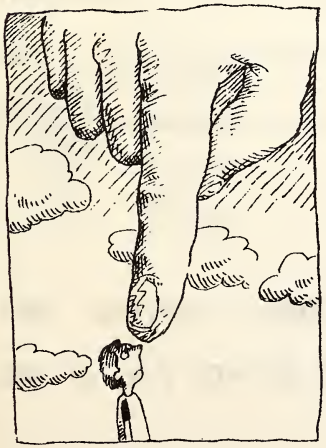
CLOTHING BANK - SEPTEMBER 20 - OCTOBER 15

Many persons asked if there was some way to respond to the young man Diane Zehr talked about in the sermon a few weeks ago who needed clothes as he began high school. Well, there is a way to respond to him and to others in his situation.

For the next month a box will be located in Fellowship Hall where "good" used clothing will be collected. Barb Hayes, who works with these children, will see that they are delivered to the School's Clothing Bank for distribution to those who need them. Following are some suggestions:

1. Jeans, sizes 8, 10, 12
2. Coats, all sizes boys and girls
3. Shoes, all sizes
4. Toothpaste, soap, shampoo (sample sizes are great)

Thanks for your help!



THE JUBILATION RINGERS WANT YOU!!

If you can read music and are in grades 6th-12th, the youth Handbell Choir (Jubilation Ringers) needs you on Thursdays, 6:45 - 7:30 p.m. beginning October 1. Call Teresa Hatten at 447-2649.

LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP!!

WOMEN IN TRANSITION

BEGINNING MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

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LEADER: Margaret McCray-Worrall

REGISTER AT THE CHURCH OFFICE - 744-3239

NEW MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF FIRST CHRISTIAN

Rev. Jerry Zehr will be leading a 10 week Sunday School class on the basics of Christian Discipleship and church membership.

This class will cover an overview of:

1. The Old and New Testament
2. History of the early church
3. How the Bible came to be formed
4. History and beliefs of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
5. Basic understandings of Christian Discipleship

We hope anyone who would like an overview of these topics will join in the discussion.

Class starts October 4 at 9:30 a.m. in the Parlor on the main floor.

ELDERS - PLEASE NOTICE!!

THE DATE OF OUR ELDERS MEETING WAS INCORRECT. OUR MEETING IS WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE CHURCH. HOPE EVERYONE CAN COME!

SERMON PREVIEW

SERMON TITLE: THAT'S LIFE OR THAT'S LIFE

SCRIPTURE: I TIMOTHY 6:11-19

Where do you put the emphasis of the saying, "That's life?" What is important to you in your life? What is Paul lifting up to us in this scripture about life?

CHRISTIAN LITERATURE WEEK - SEPTEMBER 20 & 27

Christian Literature Week book display and sale will be held this Sunday in Fellowship Hall.

AREA I SQUARE DANCE/WEINER ROAST
OCTOBER 3 - 7:00 P.M.

Our 200+ Disciple congregations in the Region of Indiana divide themselves into areas so that we can do ministry and have fellowship together in our geographic areas. Our congregation belongs to Area I. Our area Associate Regional Minister is Rev. Art Vermillion. The Churches in Area I are as follows: First Christian Church, West Creighton Avenue Christian Church, North Christian Church, First Christian Church, Auburn.

Representatives of each church meet to plan ways to be the church together.

Seniors' Fall Leaf Trip

D.M.A. TO BROWN COUNTY - OCTOBER 6

We still have a few tickets for the trip to Brown County on Tuesday, October 6. We will leave the church at 7:30 a.m. Cost for the bus and lunch at the Abe Martin Lodge will be $26.00. We will be touring Nashville and the park and also do a little shopping.

If you are interested in going, call the church office as soon as possible.

SERVING SEPTEMBER 27

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. John Ohneck and Kathy Graham

10:45 A.M. Sue Oden and Dave Kreischer

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. M. Hutchinson, K. Blocher, Jt. Myers, J. Myers

10:45 A.M. S. Kerley, R. Moll, S. Zimmerman, E. Yeoman, E. Rieke, M. Rieke, S. Sendelbach

USHERS

8:15 A.M. J. Ott, L. Merrick, C. Byrket

10:45 A.M. C. McGrew, E. Nordblom, B. Glasgow, S. Brey

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

Jt. Weicker - K. Taylor

D. Oden - D. Mey

C. Ewing - C. Murray

B. Franklin - J. Mounsey

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Brey's & J. Franklin

ACOLYTES

Claire Ewing & Katie Moll

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Cindy Farr

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10:45 A.M. Lois Finkhousen

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

8:15 A.M. First Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Second Worship

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

6:30 P.M. "Women in Transition" Class

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

7:00 P.M. Evangelism Comm.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

7:00 P.M. Elder's Meeting

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1

5:30 P.M. Carillon

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

BIRTHDAYS October 1-7

Geraldine Hendrickson (1)
Lynn Spencer (1)
Anna Taylor (2)
Ruth Bennington (3)
Bruce Stone (3)
Kathlyn Banet (4)
Tim Evans (4)
Brian Hayes (5)
Jean McGrew (5)
Deb Lester-Webb (6)
Ruby Kolkman (7)
Bryce Stover (7)

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY **OCTOBER 4, 1992**

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World Communion Sunday
October 4, 1992

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

"O God, who breaks bread with the broken hearted
And shares a cup with those who have no cups,
Gift us with your holy spirit
and may the gift be multiplied
that the whole world
Might sit down to bread and wine,
in the name of Jesus Christ,
we pray, Amen.

by Ann Weems
Multiply the Gift

The unity of Christs' church worldwide is never more powerfully visible than on World Communion Sunday.

It is on this Sunday, this celebrated on October 4, that Christs' body everywhere will gather around the table to which we are invited by our one Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

May our worship this day inspire us to celebrate the oneness of hope and vision we share with Christians everywhere that the love and grace of God be made known to each and every child of God and that justice be done for all.

YOUNG ADULTS FALL-FALL OUT, OCTOBER 2, 6:30 P.M.

Bring a dish or two of food to share. Diane and Jerry Zehr will furnish the main dish and drinks.

We'll eat and catch up on what has been happening over the summer and plan our year of events.

DIRECTIONS TO COVINGTON CREEK CLUBHOUSE - Jefferson going west from downtown to Time's Corner (curve right onto Covington Road between Pizza Hut and Amoco Gas Station). Go west approximately 1 mile - Covington Creek Condominiums. Turn left - go into the complex. Clubhouse on right.

SHARE THE CARE DAY - THIS SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 8:00 A.M.

FROM HERE TO ZEHR

It's hard to believe last Sunday was my first year anniversary as your Senior Pastor. It has been a good year (transitional, but good). I feel like we are really ready to begin our ministry together. We had 27 youth at the youth group meeting last Sunday, and 14 children at Creative Arts! What a turn-out!! We have some great youth sponsors and Ellen Duncan is doing a fantastic job with Creative Arts. The choir is uplifting under the direction of our new director John Kratzat, the Sunday School is almost at 90 (a great increase from 65) with Diane Zehr giving leadership.

It is good to have Jerry Zimmerman back at the organ after a summer of guest organists, John Perry is keeping our church clean and running, and Diane Johnson is the glue to all that goes on in the office.

I am fortunate to have such an excellent staff to work with and with the committed lay leadership of this church. I am really looking forward to this next year together.

See you Sunday.

Peace,

Jerry

WE NEED YOUR HELP

If you go into the hospital, please have a family member or a friend call the church office to notify us as the hospitals do not always call the church. Thank you.

John Ohneck is a patient at Parkview Hospital.

Ruth Truesdell is a patient at Lutheran Hospital.

Chris Burnell (Kitty Thomas' son) is at Riley Hospital, Indianapolis for tests.

Grace Truby is at home recuperating from eye surgery.

Ruby Kolkman is at home recuperating from eye surgery.

George Davis is at home.

Margaret Snouffer is at home.

Connie Kampenga is at home.

FOOD BANK NEEDS:

Tuna, crackers, dry potatoes, and pork & beans.

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP -

9-27-92

Frank Beckwith, 3319 Inwood Drive; Jackie Billings, 12624 Rockridge Place.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION - NOVEMBER 1

SPECIAL WORSHIP TIME: 10:00 A.M.

SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:00 A.M.

We will celebrate our 40 years of being in this facility from 1952-1992! Mark this date on your calendar. You won't want to miss it!

AREA I SQUARE DANCE/WEINER ROAST

THIS SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 7:00 P.M. - NORTH CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Our 200+ Disciple congregations in the Region of Indiana divide themselves into areas so that we can do ministry and have fellowship together in our geographic areas. Our congregation belongs to Area I. Our area Associate Regional Minister is Rev. Art Vermillion. The Churches in Area I are as follows: First Christian Church, West Creighton Avenue Christian Church, North Christian Church, First Christian Church, Auburn.

If you are interested in going to this square dance sponsored by Area I, call the church office as soon as possible.

D.M.A. TO BROWN COUNTY - OCTOBER 6

We still have a few tickets for the trip to Brown County on Tuesday, October 6. We will leave the church at 7:30 a.m. Cost for the bus and lunch at the Abe Martin Lodge will be $26.00. We will be touring Nashville and the park and also do a little shopping.

If you have not yet paid, make check payable to First Christian Church and send it to the office as soon as possible, or you may call the office to sign up for this trip if you have not yet done so.

Walk Thoughts

Walking.
It's good for us. Gets the heart going, fills our lungs with fresh air. Walking renews our energies, de-stresses our minds.

Walking.
We can do it almost anywhere, indoors or out. On flat or inclined planes. We can do it at our own speed or accelerated by a machine.

We walk, because we want to walk.

Walking.
Three miles to the nearest stream. Three miles back home. Three times a day, maybe more.

Walking.
With three gallons of water on her head. With a huge load of sticks on his back. To the clinic. To school. To market. To the fields.

Walking.
To seek shelter. To escape harm. To find a home far from home, for a while, for years, or forever.

We walk—for the hungry—because they walk!

When: October 4
Where: Foellinger Theatre
Time: 2 p.m.
Recruiter: Teresa Hatten
447-2649

HELP CROP STOP HUNGER

New Sunday School CLASS

NEW MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF FIRST CHRISTIAN

Rev. Jerry Zehr will be leading a 10 week Sunday School class on the basics of Christian Discipleship and church membership.

This class will cover an overview of:

1. The Old and New Testament
2. History of the early church
3. How the Bible came to be formed
4. History and beliefs of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
5. Basic understandings of Christian Discipleship

We hope anyone who would like an overview of these topics will join in the discussion.

Class starts this Sunday, October 4, 9:30 a.m. in the Parlor on the main floor.

FROM DIANE ZEHR

On behalf of the Christian Education Committee I would like to thank those who participated in our Nursery Shower last Saturday morning. We have done much of what we hoped to do and our babies and toddlers will be playing with clean, unbroken toys in a colorful room that lets them know we have cared about them. We now have a new riding toy, piano, drum, many new books, animals, pull cart, posters for the walls, jack-in-the-box, telephones, and many other things. Thanks to the Sarah Circle for hosting the party and to CWF and the women of the church who came.

THE CWF will also be selling their 1993-94 two-year pocket planning calendars. They will be selling them after first and second worship services this Sunday. Cost is $2.00 each. Buy some for your friends!

CLOTHING COLLECTION FOR FT. WAYNE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

CLOTHING BANK - SEPTEMBER 20 - OCTOBER 15

Many persons asked if there was some way to respond to the young man Diane Zehr talked about in the sermon a few weeks ago who needed clothes as he began high school. Well, there is a way to respond to him and to others in his situation.

For the next month a box will be located in Fellowship Hall where "good" used clothing will be collected. Barb Hayes, who works with these children, will see that they are delivered to the School's Clothing Bank for distribution to those who need them. Following are some suggestions:

1. Jeans, sizes 8, 10, 12
2. Coats, all sizes boys and girls
3. Shoes, all sizes
4. Toothpaste, soap, shampoo (sample sizes are great)

Thanks for your help!

WOMEN/MEN/CHURCH: STRENGTH IN UNITY is a study sponsored by CMF/CWF to be held each Wednesday in October at 7:00 p.m. We'll explore and celebrate the unique gifts that women and men bring to the church and discover ways to bring the full partnership of women and men into vital ministries for all God's creation. Call the church office to register.

SERVING OCTOBER 4

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Bill Johnson and Mildred Hartman

10:45 A.M. Bill Franklin and Don Oden

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. R. Merrick, G. Brown, J. Arnold, M. Arnold

10:45 A.M. Dv. Rinker, B. Kelly, M. McFarland, K. Bushey, D. Orr, C. Murray, M. Quick, D. McEvoy

USHERS

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Noah Duncan & Andy Stow

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EVANGELISM CALLERS

TEAM II-Ralph & Judy Church

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Nick Knappenberger

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BIRTHDAYS OCTOBER 8-14

Eileen Klepfer (8) Kathy Graham (10)
Jim Newton (8) John Truesdell (12)
Bill Johnson (9) Lori Bagley (12)
Candace Cole (10) Charles Wrisk (13)
Mildred Hogg (10) Jim Bramell (14)

CHURCH CALENDAR

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2

6:30 P.M. Young Adults Fall-Fall-Out at Zehr's Clubhouse

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

8:00 A.M. Share the Care Day

7:00 P.M. Area I Square Dance/ Weiner Roast at North Christian

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9:30 A.M. Church School

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2:00 P.M. CROP Walk

6:00 P.M. Creative Arts

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5

6:30 P.M. Women in Transition Class

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6

7:30 A.M. DMA to Brown County

7:00 P.M. Youth Sponsors Meeting

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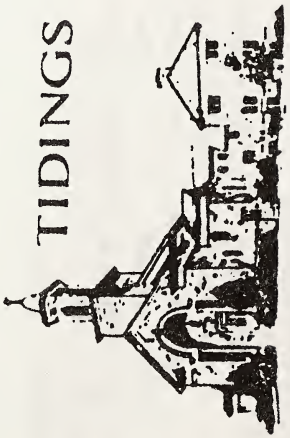

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BIBLES PRESENTED TO 2ND GRADERS IN WORSHIP OCTOBER 11

It is a lovely tradition at First Christian Church that as children move out of our younger classes and become old enough to sit with parents in worship they are given a Bible from the church. This year Bill Johnson, one of our elders, has been meeting for 3 weeks with our second graders, teaching them the meaning of what happens in the worship service.

This Sunday we will make the special presentation of Bibles to these young people during worship. We are proud of them and their eagerness to grow in faith.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:00 A.M.

You won't want to miss this Sunday! The choir and bells will be performing a special piece of music written by our own Brian Prechtl in honor of our 40th Anniversary of being in this facility. It was in the fall of 1952 that this church was dedicated to the glory of God. Rev. Zehr will give a special message. "Courage from the Past - Hope for the Future," and there will be a special reception after the worship service. Please make note of the special worship time!

BOARD OF TRUSTEES WILL MEET TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, AT 7:30 P.M.

FROM HERE TO ZEHR

This last Sunday my message was entitled "One Life to Live". I explored ways that we can live in a spirit of courage, love and self-control rather than a spirit of timidity. I lifted up four ideas that Susan Jeffers, Author of Feel the Fear and Do It Anyway, had examined. I had people ask me to print these suggestions as they were not able to write them down on Sunday. Following are these four suggestions to help us reframe our experiences.

As a person desires to enjoy the life that God has given to them, sometimes we have some behaviors that stop us from this enjoyment. **1. Stop complaining and start appreciating.** Try to go through the entire day without complaining. It is amazing how much of our time is consumed with complaining. All that complaining does is diminish ourselves and others and zaps the goodness out of life. **2. Replace negative chatter with positive affirmation.** For 10-15 minutes everyday, while exercising or commuting, or in your quiet time, tell yourself you are in control of your life. You are not powerless, you love the challenges your job presents, and you are a loving person. You are not ashamed of who you are. You are valuable to your family and above all you can handle whatever comes your way. **3. Adopt a hopeful attitude.** While there is no denying that life can be painful at times, pain can have positive consequences. **4. Keep a Book of Abundance.** Before you go to bed each night write down 50 good things that happened to you that day. Once we begin appreciating the riches of life we realize there is so much of God's presence and goodness in all we do.

I am suggesting that you try to reframe your feelings and experience so that you are able to see the ways God is working in your life. Hope to see you this coming Sunday.

Peace,
Jerry

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Fern Strole has gone to Medco.

SHARE THE CARE DAY was a success. The weather was all anyone could ask for. We all owe a vote of thanks to 20 willing workers. Look around and see what was accomplished. A room was painted, shrubs were removed and trimmed, grass was cut, and the driveway was repaired. What a blessing to have such dedicated people in our flock.

Thanks again and bless you,
Dave Kreischer, Property Chairman

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP - 10-4-92

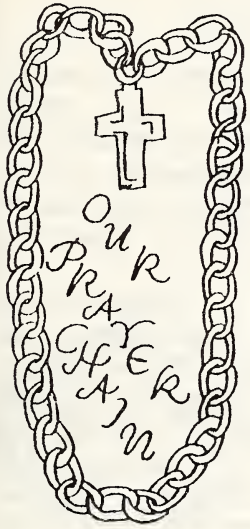
Casey Clark; Mr. & Mrs. Charles Donovan, 835 W. Wayne, #207.

SERMON PREVIEW
SERMON TITLE: "WORD PERFECT" - REV. DIANE ZEHR
SCRIPTURE: II TIMOTHY 2:8-15

Paul reminds Timothy and us there are many events of life that call our attention away from living at the center of God's perfect Word of love. To call us back, God gives us a gift of judgement that allows to see clearly the way of the Lord.

CONSECRATION & HARVEST DINNER - NOVEMBER 15

Our annual Thanksgiving dinner with turkey, rolls, pies, and vegetables will be after second service November 15. Mark this date on your calendar!



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In NET RESULTS/JUNE 1990, Herb Miller says, "An organized system provides the opportunity to experience personal prayer. Without that, we easily become functional atheists--people who say they believe in a well-lighted room but do not turn on the switch."

If you are homebound and cannot attend a worship service, you can indicate your participation in the prayer chain by calling the church office at 744-3239. Thank you.

The Evangelism Committee

TEACHERS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 6:00 - 7:30 P.M. - SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS MEETING for teachers of all children and youth classes.

We've had an outstanding fall with new curriculum, increased attendance and vital learning going on.

Let's spend a little while on October 18 digging into our curriculum for the rest of fall, planning our advent activities and just getting our hearts together for an even more effective Sunday School program.

NEEDED:

SUNSHINE VISITORS NEEDED

There are many older adults in our church family who cannot be as active as they used to be. Many have faithfully served the church over many years and we want to let them know that they continue to be a vital part of our church family. Since they can't get to the church as often now, the church goes to them.

One of the ways we do this is that we have sunshine visitors who have time to be the friend of one special care families or persons. The visitors make occasional visits, remember birthdays, send cards, and a variety of other ways of caring for their special care friends.

If you have time to be a part of this significant ministry, please call Diane Zehr at the church office. Those who have done this say they receive more than they give from their new or renewed friendships.

OUR PRAYERS are with Margaret Champion, wife of Rev. Paul Champion, who had major surgery on September 24. Home address: 420 Ernie Lu Ave., Anderson, IN 46013.

SPIRITUAL PARTICIPATION	10-4-92	AVERAGE YTD
Worship Attendance	217	203
Sunday School Attendance	98	89

WOULD YOU LIKE TO REVIEW THE BASICS OF THE BIBLE?

Would you like to know more about the church? This class is for YOU! Class is opened to anyone not in a Sunday School class presently. Remember....."LEARNING IS LIVING."

This class will cover an overview of:

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BOFFOWITS CLASS FALL PARTY

WHEN: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

WHAT TO BRING: Food (some for yourself and some for others)

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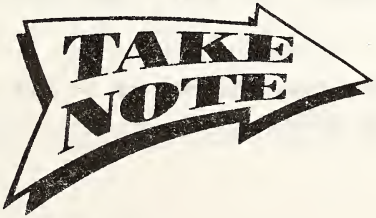

FOOD BANK REPORT:

Families served	45
Individuals served	131
First time	25
Repeats	20
Estimated meals	1,975

FALL RETREAT

YOUTH FLASH

OCTOBER 10 & 11 - FALL RETREAT - CAMP BARBEE

DEPARTURE TIME: 8:30 A.M. SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

RETURNING TIME: 12:00 NOON SUNDAY

COST: $10.00 PER YOUTH. THIS PROVIDES FOR LODGING AND FOOD.

WHAT TO BRING: SLEEPING BAG, TOWEL, PILLOW, BIBLE, FLASHLIGHT (IF YOU HAVE ONE).

We will have a bonfire, weiner roast, basketball, volleyball, and other activities! We'll have time for talking about God and getting to know one another. Don't miss it!

Call the church office to get a parent permission slip if you don't have one!

OCTOBER 18 - 6:00 P.M. - YOUTH GROUP MEETING - Plan Haunted House

OCTOBER 25 - 6:00 P.M. - YOUTH GROUP MEETING

CREATIVE ARTS WILL MEET EVERY SUNDAY IN OCTOBER.

YOU'RE INVITED

A new Hispanic congregation (La Iglesia Del Pueblo Church) located at 910 Cottage Avenue is having a mexican buffet to raise money for their building project this Sunday, October 11 from 11:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Cost: $6.00 for adults, $2.50 for children under 10. You can purchase tickets in our church office.

NEW ADDRESS: Margaret Leversee has moved. Her new address is - 763 East 500 South, Huntington, IN 46750. Phone: 468-2892.

NORTH CHRISTIAN CHURCH'S CRAFT FAIR AND SWEET SHOPPE will be held on Saturday, October 17, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. It will feature many displays by the area's best crafters and a "Just For Kids" workshop for children. This will give parents an opportunity to look at the craftwork while the children have fun making their own! Table space is still available. If you are interested in applying for a space, please call Andrea at 482-1596. We are located off Coldwater Road across from WalMart.

ORGAN RECITAL ANNOUNCED!

Faith Lutheran Church, 1700 East Pettit Avenue, Fort Wayne, IN cordially invites members of First Christian Church to an organ recital this Sunday, October 11 at 4:00 p.m. The recitalist of the day will be Mr. Robert J. Shepfer. Mr. Shepfer is presently Organist-Choirmaster of Second Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis, IN. Mr. Shepfer was former Organist, Organist-Choirmaster of Forest Park United Methodist Church, Fort Wayne, IN.

A reception will follow the recital.

Here's a list of special care people so that all of our congregation may have the opportunity to remember these friends. As you approach the holidays or any time you can, you might lift up a prayer, send a card, make a phone call or visit to say "I'm thinking of you."

REGENCY PLACE: Gladys Hoop, Anita Fitch, Delores Anspach; **WOODVIEW:** Florence Huddleston; **RIVERVIEW:** Helen Foltz, Fern Kenline; **UNIVERSITY PARK:** Connie Wells; **WOODRIDGE HEALTH CARE:** Bernice Montgomery; **LUTHERAN HOME:** Paul Waugh; **ST. ANNE'S:** Ressie Ehresman, Golden Rose, Ruth Norton; **RIVERBEND HEALTH CARE:** Lou Simmons; **OSSIAN HEALTH CARE CENTER:** Edythe Metcalf; **MEDCO:** Fern Strole.

AT HOME: Cora Ann Harnish, Ruby Kolkman, Helen Sheerin, Coleen Wilcoxson.

LIMITED ACTIVITY: Orda Glentzer, Charles & Dorothy Green, Velma Hechler, Mildred Hogg, Edna Johnson, Helen Jordan, Irene Kissinger, Ralph Reynolds, Margaret Snouffer, Pauline Snyder, Thelma Swift, Charles & Ardith Wrisk.

TEMPORARY SPECIAL CARE: Jack Phillips and Connie Kampenga.

SERVING OCTOBER 11

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Don Parlette and Jack Weicker

10:45 A.M. John Kelly and Janet Weicker

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. Jt. Myers, J. Myers, B. Lindsay, J. Lindsay

10:45 A.M. K. Taylor, L. Brey, S. Brey, D. Mey, Db. Rinker, E. Yeoman, L. Bushey, J. Franklin

USHERS

8:15 A.M. J. Ott, M. Hartman, M. Hutchinson

10:45 A.M. C. McGrew, H. Nordblom, C. Falbe, G. Miller

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

D. Kreischer - R. Moll
D. Vanderwall - B. Kelly
B. Hendricks - D. McEvoy
C. Hatten - S. Zimmerman

COMMUNION PREPARATION

B. Hendricks & Arnold's

ACOLYTES

Holly Falbe & Jamie Bushey

EXTENDED SESSION I LEADER

Sue Brey

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Julia Arnold & Nancy Butcher

EVANGELISM CALLERS

TEAM I - Molly & Graham Baughman
TEAM II- John Truesdell/Bob Smith

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Bobbie Lindsay
10:45 A.M. Lindsay Miller

Frederick Warner(18)
Tim Knuckles(19)

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MONDAY, OCTOBER 12

6:30 P.M. Women in Transition Class

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13

9:30 A.M. Rachel Circle
11:30 A.M. Rebecca Circle
7:30 P.M. Board of Trustees

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

9:00 A.M. Sherwood/Pettit Association
6:00 P.M. BOFFOWITS PITCH-IN at Roger & Anne Moll's

BIRTHDAYS OCTOBER 15-21

Dick Ashton(15)
Edna Vaught(15)
Eric Baugher(16)
Herb Banet (17)
Ruth Ogles (17)
Charles Burket(18)

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WOULD YOU LIKE THIS COMMUNITY OF FAITH TO BE YOUR CHURCH HOME?

SPECIAL LUNCHEON FOR PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

WHEN: Sunday, October 25 - after second service

WHERE: Fellowship Hall

If you have been coming to worship with us and would like to learn more about First Christian Church, please come to this luncheon. The ministers and different leaders of the church will be in attendance to answer questions and to have time to get to know each other better. If you are interested in attending please make a reservation by calling the church office at 744-3239.

CREATIVE ARTS CHILDREN WILL SING IN WORSHIP

THIS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

We look forward to having music from our children as a part of our worship this Sunday. Ellen Duncan will direct them. If you have a child in Creative Arts or if you are a Sunday School Teachers of grades 1-5, please note all members who will sing need to be in the Creative Arts room at 10:15 a.m. for rehearsal before worship.

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See you Sunday!

Peace,

Jerry

P.S. The children are singing in worship Sunday.....you won't want to miss it!

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Fern Strole is at Cortland Health Care Center.

Margaret Snouffer is a patient at Lutheran Hospital.

Jack Phillips is a patient at Lutheran Hospital.

Our prayers are with Art and Marge Thomas as Art's mother has had a severe stroke in Terre Haute, Indiana.

CONGRATULATIONS to Steve Mullen who has been named a semi-finalist in the National Merit Scholarship Program!!

YOU'RE INVITED

Mary Novachcoff and Mr. & Mrs. Arthur E. Richardson, Sr. condially invite you to attend the wedding celebration of Michelle Payne and Arthur Richardson, Jr. on Saturday, October 31, 1992 at 6:00 p.m. at First Christian Church.

Reception to follow at the Boy Scouts Lodge, 8965 Auburn Road.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all my church friends for communicating your concerns during my recent visit to the hospital. Most of all thank you to my wife, Kris, and daughter, Tracy, for being there when I needed them.

God truly shares his love in unique ways.

Love & thanks to my church family.

John Ohneck

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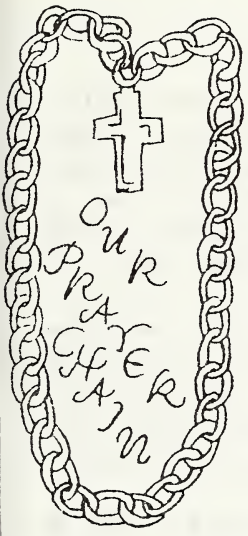

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In NET RESULTS/JUNE 1990, Herb Miller says, "An organized system provides the opportunity to experience personal prayer. Without that, we easily become functional atheists--people who say they believe in a well-lighted room but do not turn on the switch."

If you are homebound and cannot attend a worship service, you can indicate your participation in the prayer chain by calling the church office at 744-3239. Thank you.

The Evangelism Committee

TEACHERS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 6:00 - 7:30 P.M. - SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS MEETING for teachers of all children and youth classes.

We've had an outstanding fall with new curriculum, increased attendance and vital learning going on.

Let's spend a little while on October 18 digging into our curriculum for the rest of fall, planning our advent activities and just getting our hearts together for an even more effective Sunday School program.

NEEDED:

SUNSHINE VISITORS NEEDED

There are many older adults in our church family who cannot be as active as they used to be. Many have faithfully served the church over many years and we want to let them know that they continue to be a vital part of our church family. Since they can't get to the church as often now, the church goes to them.

One of the ways we do this is that we have sunshine visitors who have time to be the friend of one special care families or persons. The visitors make occasional visits, remember birthdays, send cards, and a variety of other ways of caring for their special care friends.

If you have time to be a part of this significant ministry, please call Diane Zehr at the church office. Those who have done this say they receive more than they give from their new or renewed friendships.

CREATIVE ARTS are in the need of empty thread spools. The kind that are about 2" high. Leave in the church office or give to Sue Oden. NEEDED BEFORE OCTOBER 25. THANK YOU!

SPIRITUAL PARTICIPATION	10-11-92	AVERAGE YTD
Worship Attendance	213	203
Sunday School Attendance	105	91

MARTIN MARTY TO SPEAK IN FORT WAYNE OCTOBER 23 & 24

What a rich opportunity for Christians to hear from one of our leading contemporary theologians.

Thanks to the staff and congregation of Plymouth Congregational Church we can hear Dr. Marty speak at Plymouth Congregational Church on issues of concern to contemporary Christians. On Friday, October 23 at 7:00 p.m. he will focus on: "The Bible, The Founders, and the American Values Crisis." On Saturday, October 24 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon he will focus on: "The Individual Spiritual Search & Quest for Community." On Saturday, October 24 from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m., his focus will be: :Acting on the Basis of the Stories We Are and Live and Tell."

This series will be an outstanding experience in faith development for adults. It is well worth your time.

Hope to see you there.

Diane Zehr

Martin Marty Seminar Registration Form

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Zip _____

I will attend: Friday evening ___ Saturday Session I (9am-noon) Saturday Session II (1-4pm)

I would like a box lunch _____ (Cost is $5.75 and must be pre-paid; make checks payable to Plymouth Church.)

Return registration form to Plymouth Church, 501 West Berry, Fort Wayne, IN 46802 by October 19th.

OCTOBER 18 - 6:00 P.M. - YOUTH GROUP MEETING - PLAN HAUNTED HOUSE

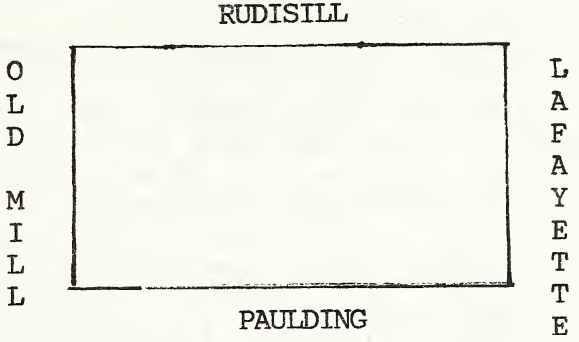
OCTOBER 25 - 6:00 P.M. - YOUTH GROUP MEETING

CREATIVE ARTS WILL MEET EVERY SUNDAY IN OCTOBER

Our Church In Mission

CHURCH AND COMMUNITY TASK FORCE NEWS

During the months of October and November representatives of our congregation chosen for our Church and Community Task Force will be conducting from 300-400 interviews with residents of our neighborhood. The neighborhood is defined in the following way.



We will ask resident southside community leaders to tells us what they experience as strengths of this neighborhood and its concerns. We hope to use this information to help shape the direction of our outreach ministry for the next year.

Also in October YOU will be receiving a blue booklet entitled CHURCH AND COMMUNITY PLANNING INVENTORY.

We want to know your ideas and experience of being the church at 4800 South Calhoun, also in order to effectively engage in a unified ministry. When you receive it, please take a few minutes to fill it out. It will strengthen our ministry and outreach.

If you have questions please contact one of our Task Force representatives: Charlie Hatten, Teresa Hatten, Eric Rieke, Bill Franklin, David Rinker, Diane Zehr, Jerry Zehr, or our Outreach Chairman, Nick Knappenberger.

THE CROP WALK was very successful with 350 walkers participating. Many thanks to all who walked, sponsored walkers, helped with rest areas and organized the event. The money will be used to feed those who are hungry in Fort Wayne, Allen County and throughout the world.

Please return your envelopes and money to Teresa Hatten this Sunday.

CHANCEL CHOIR PREVIEW

WE NEED....YOU! It has truly been my pleasure to get to know the members of the Chancel Choir. After one month, I can now let you know more specifically where we can use you. First, everyone is welcome. Second, we especially need **TENORS!** While we have an outstanding section, only one of our four tenors can rehearse on a regular schedule. If you like to sing, please give this your consideration.

NOVEMBER 1ST IS COMING! As you already know, November 1st will be a special day in the life of First Christian. To help celebrate the 40th anniversary of our facilities, Brian Prechtl has written an original anthem. The composition is both beautiful and exciting and will use the combined resources of the Carillon, the Chancel Choir and additional instruments. Plan on being in Church to experience the celebration.

DECEMBER 13 is also a day to mark on your calendar. The worship service will be built around music and will be the same for both services. All of the musical groups of First Christian will participate.

SOLOISTS are needed. Continuing the tradition of providing solos for the early service, we are now scheduling through December. While I am already scheduling the musicians I know, you may have a hidden talent! If you are interested, please contact me.

John Kratzat

BELLS, BELLS, BELLS

We have bells, bells, bells, but not enough performers to ring them! This is an SOS for both the Carillon and Jubilation Ringers. First Christian has a strong tradition with bells and we need to rebuild the program, but only with your help.

Carillon meets on Thursday from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. It is not mandatory that you read music, but it is very, very helpful. This group is primarily for adult ringers.

The Jubilation Ringers meet immediately following Carillon on Thursday. This group is for the youth, but we would like to offer an invitation to novice adult ringers too. If you have an interest, but no experience, please give it a try.

We appreciate your support and look forward to seeing some new faces.

John Kratzat & Teresa Hatten

VOLLEYBALL! VOLLEYBALL!

We are forming a co-ed volleyball team that will play against the other Disciple Churches on Sunday afternoons. If you are interested in playing call the church office and sign up. First game will be November 8 at 2:00 p.m. at West Creighton Avenue Christian Church gym.

S.O.S. (SAVE OUR SERVANTS)

"To whom much is given, much will be required."

It is wonderful to have a large group of children in Creative Arts. It does also mean that we need extra adult aides to help smaller hands with crafts and clean-up on Sunday evenings from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

If you can assist one week a month or more, please call Ellen Duncan at 436-1800 or Diane Zehr at 744-3239. This is an equal opportunity position. Men and women may apply.

IT'S SWEATER TIME AT F.C.C.

We're not sure if the new boiler will be fully installed and inspected for use by this Sunday, so when you dress for worship remember....we might have one more Sunday without heat. DRESS WARMLY!

SERVING OCTOBER 18

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Charles Ludwig and Jack Weicker

10:45 A.M. Erma Vanderwall and Rosemary Krull

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. K. Blocher, B. Hendricks, C. Davis, T. Knuckles

10:45 A.M. J. Walsh, T. Critell, J. Bushey, K. Walsh, M. Rieke, E. Rieke, B. Glasgow, M. Orr

USHERS

8:15 A.M. J. Ott, L. Merrick, D. Graham

10:45 A.M. C. McGrew, G. Baughman, E. Nordblom, D. McEvoy

COMMUNION PREPARATION

B. Hendricks & Arnold's

ACOLYTES

Megan McEvoy & Brian Rinker

EXTENDED SESSION I LEADER

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TEAM II- M.Hartman & M.Hutchinson

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Nick Knappenberger

10:45 A.M. Laurie Bushey

Steven Mullen (25)
J. Fred Smell (26)
Charles Murray (28)

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

9:00 A.M. Sherwood/Pettit Association

6:00 P.M. BOFFOWITS PITCH-IN at Roger & Anne Moll's

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8:15 A.M. First Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Second Worship

6:00 P.M. CYF/Chi Rho/Creative Arts

6:00 P.M. Teachers Meeting

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19

6:30 P.M. Women in Transition Class

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20

7:00 P.M. Sarah Circle

7:00 P.M. Music Staff Meeting

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21

7:00 P.M. Church & Community Task Force

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22

5:30 P.M. Carillon

6:45 P.M. Jubilation Ringers

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts in Fellowship Hall

BIRTHDAYS OCTOBER 22-28
Bill Love (22)
Ted Pfenning (22)
David Walker (22)
Don Pomeroy (23)
Tom Mathis (25)

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CELEBRATING 40 YEARS - A HARVEST OF BLESSING
AT FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
4800 S. CALHOUN STREET
NOVEMBER 1 - ONE WORSHIP SERVICE - 10:00 A.M.
SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR - 9:00 A.M.

"That Jesus Christ may be lifted up in our hearts and minds as we come to worship is the purpose of our new building."
From the dedication service of building in November, 1952.

Those who dreamed that dream would not be disappointed by the 40 years of faithful witness and ministry made by members of First Christian Church. Those of us who will gather to celebrate our anniversary on November 1 are so grateful for the gifts of faith that others have offered that make today and tomorrow possible. We, too, in turn, seek to live out our lives of faith with courage and hope.

November 1 will be a great day of celebration. One worship service will highlight the day with Rev. Jerry Zehr preaching and our bells and choir singing an original piece of music written especially for this occasion by one of our members, Brian Prechtl, who is a member of the Fort Wayne Philharmonic.

You may not know that many parts of our building have special meanings. For example, there is a reason we have five steps leading into the chancel. They represent the five steps into the Christian life: steps of faith, repentance, confession, baptism (obedience), and Christian fellowship.

A special litany will acquaint us with more of the meanings in the structure of our building.

But more than that -- we'll not only celebrate what <u>has</u> happened but we'll look towards the future together.

What will our grandchildren say 35 years from now as they celebrate a 75th anniversary? That depends on what <u>we</u> will create together in partnership with God.

Courage from the past. Hope for the future.

HEAT WAVE AT FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH - YES, OUR BOILER WILL BE IN OPERATION BY WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21!!

FROM HERE TO ZEHR

It may have been cold in the sanctuary last Sunday because the boiler still wasn't in, but our hearts were put afire by the choir, the tympany, and the cymbals that came together for a great anthem. We appreciate John Kratzat and his direction he has given to our choir this fall and the spirit and energy that the choir has sung with.

THE BOILER WILL BE COMPLETED WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21 AND WE WILL HAVE HEAT ON SUNDAY, SO DON'T USE THIS AS AN EXCUSE TO MISS CHURCH!

As we prepare for our Anniversary Celebration two weeks from now, I started looking back over the giving of our church to outreach and the commitment that our church has to caring for those beyond our own doors. I could not get the figures back in 1952, but from 1982 to 1992 our congregation has given over $400,000 in gifts to our outreach ministry. In 1982 we had 224 in worship and our giving was at $168,732 and our total outreach was $31,656 with our total outreach being 18.76% of our giving. In 1991 our total giving was at $234,378 with $45,066 in outreach giving which represented a 19.23% of our giving going to our outreach ministries. We have been good stewards of the gifts that God has given to us and to the work here in this place. Wouldn't it be grand if we used the example of our church in its giving to others beyond ourselves and gave 19% of our own giving to God's ministry? Well, maybe 19% is a little much to ask but it is good to look at our own giving and see where the church fits in our budget.

Jerry

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Margaret Snouffer has gone home from Lutheran Hospital.

Jack Phillips has gone home from Lutheran Hospital.

CONGRATULATIONS to Nick & Allison Knappenberger in the birth of their new son. Clay was born October 19 and weighed 7 lbs., 7 oz.

YOU'RE INVITED

Mary Novachcoff and Mr. & Mrs. Arthur E. Richardson, Sr. cordially invite you to attend the wedding celebration of Michelle Payne and Arthur Richardson, Jr. on Saturday, October 31, 1992 at 6:00 p.m. at First Christian Church.

Reception to follow at the Boy Scouts Lodge, 8965 Auburn Road.

THANK YOU

Dear First Christian Community,

Thanks for all your contributions to the FWCS Clothing Bank. The children, their families, and I appreciate your help.

Barb Hayes

FOOD BANK NEEDS:

Crackers, noodles, cereal, macaroni & cheese.

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP - 10-18-92

Nora Sholl, 5008 Camelot Drive.

ATTENTION SENIORS

JIM GRIMSHAW SPEAKS TO D.M.A. (DON'T MENTION AGE)

Our senior group welcomes all to a covered dish luncheon on Monday, November 9 at 12:00 noon. Jim Grimshaw will be here to show us his slides and talk about his trip to Russia. All are welcome!

YOU PREACH FIRST

The first sermon preached each Sunday is not by the minister, but by you.

You preach a message of good cheer when you say "good morning" to those you meet as you are parking, or in the hallway and classrooms. You preach a message of "welcome!" when you slide over in the pew instead of forcing others to squeeze in front of you. You preach a message of hope and joy when you sing enthusiastically during the service. You preach a message about the power of prayer when you fervently enter into the time of prayer. You preach a message about respect when you listen attentively while the special music is presented. You preach a message of love when you smile, say "hello" and introduce yourself to visitors. You preach a message about faith when you give your tithes and offerings. You preach a message about the importance of the Scriptures when you open your Bible to the day's text.

Many messages are preached before the minister stands up to bring the sermon. If your message is positive and consistent, then the message given from the pulpit will be much better received! Come Sunday morning prepared to preach your best sermon.

--Quincy Church of Christ
Quincy, KY

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Worship Attendance	228	203
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1993 HONDURAS MISSION TRIP - JULY 9-19, 1993

FOR ADULTS

INFORMATIONAL MEETING - COME.....

ASK QUESTIONS.....NO COMMITMENTS REQUIRED

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

3:00 - 6:00 P.M.

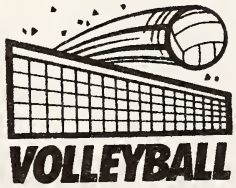
AT CRESTVIEW CHRISTIAN CHURCH

1500 W. 86TH

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

(Call Jim or LaWanna Beamer at 1-317-754-7868 for more information).

Honduras Mission Trip



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THIS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

CHI RHO & CYF YOUTH GROUP

TRIP TO HAUNTED FOREST

COST: $4.00 PER PERSON

You may bring one friend. We will leave at 6:00 p.m. and try to be back at the church as close to 7:30 p.m. as we can.

NOVEMBER 1 - The Great Pumpkin Escape

If you like leaving a pumpkin surprise on someone's doorstep, you don't want to miss being at youth group this night!

NOVEMBER 7 - CYF LOCK-IN AT FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, TIPTON, INDIANA

If you want to go you need to talk to Jerry Zehr and make your reservation.

NOVEMBER 8 - Parent/Youth Fellowship

This evening we invite our parents to come and be a part of our youth group meeting as Margaret McCray-Worrall will be leading us in a discussion for communication skills for parents to learn how to hear our youth better and for our youth to hear the needs of our parents. We will have some fun being together and learning how we can be together as a family. If you are a parent of younger children, you are invited to come to this event as well.

NOVEMBER 14 - CHI RHO DAY OUT, INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

Mark this date on your calendar.

NOVEMBER 15 - Take a Trip to South America

Come and find out how you can make your presence known in South America.

NOVEMBER YOUNG ADULT NIGHT IS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 7:00 P.M.

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It won't be a TRIVIAL PURSUIT.

SUNDAY SCHOOL EXPANDING

One of the greatest problems I have had in ministry at First Christian Church is that our classes are full enough that we are adding a new childrens' class. Beginning this Sunday, October 25, those children who are Kindergarten age and 1st graders will form a new class which will meet in the Creative Arts room on the lower level. Sue Brey will be their teacher and is ready and waiting to welcome them to their new Sunday School class. This means the childrens' classes are now divided as follows:

Nursery 0-2	Chris Beck
Pre-School (2's), 3-4	Laura McFarland
	Tami Murua
Kindergarten-1st graders	Sue Brey
2-3 graders	Nick & Allison Knappenberger
	Charles & Teresa Hatten
4-5 graders	Sue Stow, Jean McGrew
6-12	John Ohneck, Larry Brey

Thanks to all the parents of First Christian Church who have been so faithful in getting your young people here for Sunday School, Creative Arts, and our Youth Programs. We appreciate your commitment to your childs' faith development.

Diane

YOU ALL COME TO THE HARMONY CLASS

The Harmony Class is in the process of "Re-Inventing Itself!" As before, we will be meeting in the North West corner of Fellowship Hall. (We will be sharing the West end with our friends in the BOFFOWITS Class).

Please join us this Sunday morning from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. We will share an hour of fellowship, fun, donut holes and an inspiring lesson.

Jack Weicker has consented to again be our lead teacher.

SERMON PREVIEW
SERMON TITLE: THIS IS YOUR LIFE
SCRIPTURE: II TIMOTHY 4:6-8

We have been exploring Paul's writing to Timothy and the quality of life that Paul encourages Timothy to lead with his Christian faith. Paul speaks to us about looking at our life and finishing the race that's before us. If you had a chance to see your own epitaph what would you hope people would write about you?

CONSECRATION & HARVEST DINNER - NOVEMBER 15

Our annual Thanksgiving dinner with turkey, rolls, pies, and vegetables will be after second service November 15. Mark this date on your calendar!

CWF PURPOSE

The purpose of Christian Women's Fellowship shall be to develop the womanhood of the church in a united program of worship, missions, education, fellowship, and service to the end that Christ may be exalted in the homes, the church, the community, the nation, and the world.

We welcome all women of the church to join us in one of the CWF circles.

Naomi Circle - 9:30 a.m. - 1st Thursday of the month
Rachel Circle - 9:30 a.m. - 3rd Tuesday of the month
Rebecca Circle - 11:30 a.m. - 2nd Tuesday of the month
Sarah Circle - 7:00 p.m. - 3rd Tuesday of the month

Next general meeting is November 7 at 9:00 a.m. at the church. All women of the church are invited. For more information call Judy Mey at 493-3993.

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10:45 A.M. Charles Hatten and Dick Vanderwall

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8:15 A.M. N. Knappenberger, M. Hutchinson, J. Arnold, M. Arnold

10:45 A.M. S. Zimmerman, S. Kerley, J. Franklin, Db. Rinker, E. Yeoman, T. Hatten, J. Hatten, J. Mounsey

USHERS

8:15 A.M. J. Ott, C. Byrket, C. Davis

10:45 A.M. C. McGrew, B. Glasgow D.J. Rinker, H. Banet

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

J. Kelly - J. Bushey
R. Krull - Dv. Rinker
S. Oden - J. Franklin
D. Kreischer-Db. Rinker

COMMUNION PREPARATION

M.McFarland, T.&J.Hatten, B.Glasgow

ACOLYTES

Noah Duncan & Katie Moll

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Cindy Farr

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10:45 A.M. Janet Weicker

Jack Brickley (3)
Ruth Stone (4)

CHURCH CALENDAR

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9:30 A.M. Church School
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12:00 NOON Evangelism Luncheon
6:00 P.M. CYF/Chi Rho/Creative Arts

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26

6:30 P.M. Women in Transition Class

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27

7:00 P.M. Committee Chairs
7:30 P.M. Committees

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29

5:30 P.M. Carillon
6:45 P.M. Jubilation Ringers
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir
7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts in Fellowship Hall

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30

7:30 P.M. Halloween Party sponsored by CYF and Chi Rho

BIRTHDAYS OCTOBER 29-NOVEMBER 4

Katie Moll (29)
Deborah Rinker (29)
Gary Falbe (31)
Jim Shirley (31)
Charles Schnobel (31)
Helen Foltz (31)
Coleen Wilcoxson (1)
Violet Wuthrich (1)
Sharon Emel (1)
Audrey Conkwell (2)
Judy Church (2)

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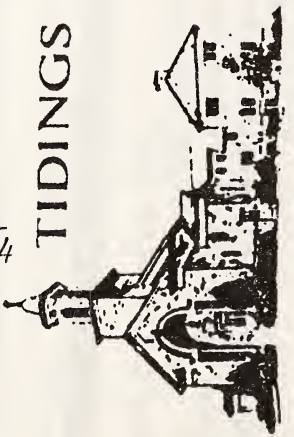

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Courage From the Past
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Tidings

Volume XLVV October 28, 1992 No. 40

Anniversary Sunday

Special Worship Time

One Service at 10:00 A. M.

We have a meaningful service planned this Sunday to celebrate our 40 years in this building. One worship service will highlight the day, with Rev. Jerry Zehr preaching an uplifting message. We will have some guest musicians, in addition to our bells and choir singing an anthem written especially for this occasion.

Special Sunday School Time--9:00 A. M.

Everyone is invited to come together at 9:00 for Sunday School hour. We will not have regular classes but rather a unique program celebrating the history of our church. There will be a *special treasure hunt* for the children.

"That Jesus Christ may be lifted up in our hearts and minds as we come to worship is the purpose of our new building." --From the dedication service of FCC building in November 1952

From Here To Zehr

Special days are important to celebrate in the life of an individual or a community. The celebrations mark a passage of time from the past into the future. Those who had the vision and courage to build this church probably never imagined the ministry that has taken place inside these walls.

The life of this church hasn't just happened. By your intentional giving to this community of faith we have been able to carry on the dream of our fore-fathers and mothers.

In the last month we have received three special gifts that exemplify this type of commitment. One was a donation by three individuals to buy a new computer for our office so that we can update our work efforts. Another gift, $7,000, was given to help pay for the boiler. A third gift of $61,000 was given by Bette Haines's estate to our Memorial Funds. Thank you to these individuals and all who have contributed to the ministry of this church.

Peace,

Jerry

Remember those in the hospital.

Joys and Concerns

Roger Gross is a patient at St. Joseph Hospital.

Our Sympathy is extended to the family of Florence Huddleston, who died this week. Her funeral was on Wednesday.

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CWF GENERAL MEETING

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 9:00 A.M.

The official in charge of the national weather office will be the guest speaker. He will be talking about the weather station in Fort Wayne and the importance of Nexrad.

Food Bank Needs:

crackers, noodles, cereal, macaroni & cheese

Among our new visitors in worship--10-25-92

Mr. & Mrs. Dwight Crumpacker, 228 S. Cornell Circle

Shirley Dickinson, 5415 Southern Court, #41

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REV. JERRY & DIANE ZEHR'S P.R.C. (PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMITTEES) are scheduled to meet together for a training event November 2 at 7:00 p.m. at the church.

Rev. Art Vermillion, our new Associate Regional Minister, will be leading the event.

Jerry's P.R.C. members are: John Kelly, Bud Ludwig, Evelyn Yeoman, Mildred Hartman, and Roger Moll.

Diane's P.R.C. members are: Carole Davis, Mimi Westerfield, George Davis, Ralph Church, and Jane Walsh.

The P.R.C. purpose is to be a connecting link for feedback from the congregation and a sounding board for the pastor.

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Worship Attendance	182	203
Sunday School Attendance	90	91

NOVEMBER 10 - TUESDAY - SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

ELDER'S MEETING - 7:00 p.m. and then the Elders have been invited to this special board meeting.

Courage From the Past
Hope For the Future

A HARVEST OF BLESSING
40 YEARS

NOVEMBER 15 - CONSECRATION SUNDAY/HARVEST DINNER

Do you like turkey, rolls, vegetables, and pie? You won't want to miss our HARVEST DINNER ON NOVEMBER 15 after the second service. This is also our Consecration Service for our stewardship drive. Rev. Charles Blaisdell will be our guest speaker on this Sunday.

VOLLEYBALL! VOLLEYBALL!

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JIM GRIMSHAW SPEAKS TO D.M.A. (DON'T MENTION AGE)

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YOUTH FLASH

THIS SUNDAY - 6:00 P.M.

THE GREAT PUMPKIN DELIVERY

It should be a WILD TIME - you won't want to miss it. It has to do with pumpkins, ringing doorbells, and a mystery note.

NOVEMBER 7 - CYF LOCK-IN - TIPTON - GET REGISTRATION FORM FROM JERRY.

NOVEMBER 8 - PARENT/YOUTH FORUM

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Margaret McCray-Worrall will lead a discussion on parent/youth communication.

NOVEMBER 14 - CHI RHO DAY OUT

A trip to Indianapolis for a state youth rally. It should be fun!

SPECIAL INTERFAITH

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

NOVEMBER 22 - 7:00 P.M.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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SERVING NOVEMBER 1

ELDERS

10:00 A.M. Dave Kreischer and Bill Franklin

DIACONATE & GREETERS

10:00 A.M. Dv. Rinker, B. Kelly, M. McFarland, K. Bushey, C. Murray, D. Orr, M. Quick, J. Bushey,

USHERS

10:00 A.M. C. McGrew, W. Bowen, S. Brey, H. Nordblom

COMMUNION PREPARATION

M.McFarland, T.&J.Hatten, B.Glasgow

ACOLYTES

Claire Ewing & Andy Stow

EXTENDED SESSION I LEADER

Karen Bushey

EVANGELISM CALLERS

TEAM I - Woody Klepfer

TEAM II- Ralph & Judy Church

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

10:00 A.M. Marlo Quick

BIRTHDAYS NOVEMBER 5-11

Martha Christy (5)
Alfred Pattengale (5)
John Phillips (5)
Curt Miller (5)
Tony York (5)
Michelle Stam (5)
Cindy Moriarty (7)
James Evans (7)
Garnet Ford (8)
Nick Knappenberger (8)
Marilyn McDougle (11)
Beth Falb (11)

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1

9:00 A.M. Church School
10:00 A.M. Worship Service
6:00 P.M. CYF/Chi Rho/ Creative Arts

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2

6:30 P.M. Women in Transition Class
7:00 P.M. Diane & Jerry Zehr's PRC

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

7:00 P.M. Church & Community Task Force

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5

9:30 A.M. Naomi Circle
5:30 P.M. Carillon
6:45 P.M. Jubilation Ringers
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir
7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts in Fellowship Hall

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

9:00 A.M. C.W.F. General Meeting

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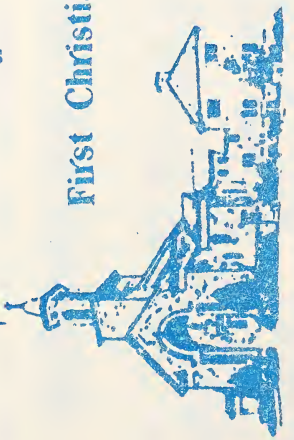

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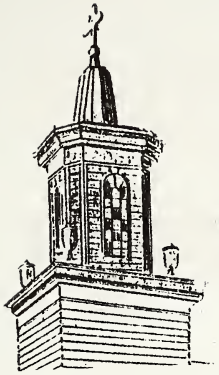

Tidings

First Christian Church

4800 S. Calhoun St. Fort Wayne, IN 744-3239
Volume L November 4, 1992 No. 41

Consecration Sunday November 15

Having celebrated 40 years of Courage From the Past, we set our course in Hope for the Future.

The first step we take towards a faithful future will be what we commit to God for ministry in 1993 at First Christian Church.

Some of us have made this yearly decision for many years. For others, this is a brand new step of faith.

On Sunday, November 15, each of us will have the chance to offer our Estimate of Giving for 1993. We will write our decision on an "Estimate of Giving" card provided for us for that worship service and together we will take time to consecrate our commitments. Rev. Charles Blaisdell , one of Indiana's Associate Regional Ministers, will bring the message for the morning.

Following second service, our annual Harvest Dinner will be held. You don't have to bring food. The dinner will be provided for all of us. All we need to know is if you and/or your family are coming and how many reservations you would like to make. On that day, you can make a free-will offering if you would like to help cover the expenses of the meal. Please make your luncheon reservations this Sunday at worship or call the church office.

Biblically our guideline of what to give is a tithe or ten percent of our income. Most of us have a long way to go to reach that goal. If you can't reach the full distance, perhaps you might consider stepping up one percent more of your income than last year.

Hopefully, you will take the time to allow God to guide you as you consider what you would give in Thanksgiving to God.

Our church budget is secondary. Of first importance is how is it between you and God? Out of the commitments we offer, we will build our budget for ministry for 1993.

It is an important day to take the next step of hope for First Christian Church.

Sundaes Sunday

Parent and Youth Forum
November 8

Twice a year we invite all of the parents to come to our youth group. Parents who have younger children are also welcome.

Margaret McCray-Worrall will lead a discussion on communication in which parents and youth will participate. Also, you'll make your favorite sundae! Ice cream

From Here to Zehr

Last Sunday was a great day in the life of the church as we celebrated our 40th anniversary! During the service, Bili Crouse, Board Chair 1952, presented Jim Bushey, Board Chair 1992, with an engraved gavel symbolizing the "courage from the past and hope for the future." It was a special moment in which we saw the older generation giving their blessing to the younger generation as they share in the ministry of the church.

The younger generation needs the blessing and wisdom of the sages of our time as they move into positions of leadership, and the older generation needs to know there will be those who will carry on the ministry of the church.

This presentation was especially touching to me as I became aware of the inspiring leaders we have had in the past and the capable leaders stepping into positions of leadership today.

Peace,

Jerry

P. S. A note about the finances for our church. We are presently behind $6,000 after ten months. If you are behind in your pledge, please try to become current. If you are current, thanks! We need all of you to help with your financial support in the next two months.

Joys and Concerns

Our Sympathy is extended to Betty Harter and her family in the death of her son, Michael Harter.

Our Sympathy is extended to Ruth Stone and her family in the death of Ruth's sister last week.

Congratulations to Estel and Lori Vandergriff in the birth of their daughter, Paige Nicole, born October 30.

Congratulations to Chris and Chanel Patrick in the birth of their daughter, Marcella Michelle Patrick, born October 31. Mary Novachcoff is the proud grandmother.

Congratulations to Michelle and Arthur Richardson, Jr., who were married Saturday, October 31 at First Christian Church.

Edwin Johnson is a patient at Lutheran Hospital.

Spiritual Participation	11-1-92	Average YTD
Worship	271	204
Sunday School	101	92

Looking Back on Anniversary Sunday

Red Ribbons commemorating 40 years . . . . apple crisp in Fellowship Hall . . . . a special anthem composed especially for our anniversary service . . . .

Approximately 100 people of all ages came together in Fellowship Hall this past Sunday for a special Sunday School service. We sang traditional hymns, and listened to some of our forty-year members reminisce about First Christian Church over the years. Bill Crouse, Mildred Hartman, Herb Banet, and Jack Weicker shared their memories with us.

Bill Crouse recalled the groundbreaking ceremony and Bert Leversee running the big machinery to excavate the basement of our building in March 1951.

Mildred Hartman observed that as Sunday School Superintendents the biggest problem she and Mildred Hutchinson faced forty years ago was finding space for the 16 Sunday School classes.

Herb Banet shared his memories of the anxiety he felt at signing the bank note, and Jack Weicker vividly portrayed Rev. Robert T. Beck as "a learned and scholarly gentleman" who wore a swallow-tail coat and striped pants every time he preached.

During the special 10:00 a.m. service, the choir and several guest musicians performed an anthem by Brian Prechtl. Rev. Zehr presented the composer with a Bible in thanks for his gift to us.

Members who have belonged to First Christian Church for forty years were also recognized. Eight new members also joined the church.

Welcome, New Members!

Frank Beckwith
3319 Inwood Dr.

Kem Benny
5013 Coventry Parkway

Laura Bowser
609 Kinnaird Ave.

Betty Maksl
3820 Hiawatha Blvd.

Lynn and Jerry Medlin
7412 Saddleback Ct., 1A

Thelma Onion
1928 Steup Ave.

Leigh Westerfield
4039 Westlane Dr.

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For the complete schedule, refer to the Area 1 Newsletter.

Food Bank

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! It's Food Bank time this month. A big thank you to John Kelley for the special box. Thanks to Don and Sue Oden for decorating it. A big thank you to Creative Arts for decorating and handing out the grocery sacks.

A special thank you to YOU for bringing in the sacks--filled--on Sunday mornings. The special food "basket" will be in the Narthex to receive the goodies. Items needed include canned fruits and vegetables, flour, sugar, Crisco, and paper products.

The Food Bank always needs: crackers, noodles, cereal, macaroni & cheese.

Among our new visitors in worship on November 2, 1992

Casey Clarke
337 W. Wildwood

Debbie Johnson
9117 Almond Tree Ct.

Special Board Meeting
Tuesday, November 10

Elder's meeting at 7:00 p.m., and then the Elders are invited to the special Board meeting at 7:30 p. m.

Young Adults

November Young Adult Night
Saturday, November 14, 7:00 P. M.

There won't be an OUTBURST about this MONOPOLY because we all have SCRUPLES to help us BRIDGE the game of LIFE together.

In other words, Sue and Larry Brey are hosting a Game Night at the church for all young adults, married or single. Bring your favorite board game and enjoy some "friendly" competition.

It won't be a TRIVIAL PURSUIT.

Please bring soft drinks and snacks.

CWF General Meeting

Saturday, November 7, 9:00 A. M.

The official in charge of the national weather office will be the guest speaker. He will talk about the weather station in Fort Wayne, and the importance of Nexrad.

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

November 22 -- 7:00 P. M.
First Christian Church

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Support the Blanket Program with your love, your gifts, and your prayers.

You may place your gifts in the offering plate during the Sundays in November or send them to Church World Service Blanket Program.

Jim Grimshaw to speak to D. M. A.
("Don't Mention Age")

Our senior group welcomes everyone to a covered dish luncheon on Monday, November 9 at 12:00 noon. Jim Grimshaw will be here to show us his slides and talk about his trip to Russia. All are welcome!

Jim Grimshaw traveled to Russia last August to be involved in an ecumenical work camp, sponsored by the National Council of Churches and the Russian Orthodox Church.

Twenty-two young adults from the United States, representing eight different denominations, attended the camp. Five of those who attended were Disciples of Christ. Several Russian young adults joined the camp as well.

The group traveled to Vologda, Russia, a city of 200, 000, where they worked for ten days at the Prilutsk-Saviour Monastery. The main project the group worked on was the restoration of the cemetery at the monastery.

In addition to the work efforts, the US-Russian group visited several monasteries and cities around the Golden Ring (a historical area around Moscow) and had opportunities to worship with the Orthodox community in the Russian Orthodox Church.

SERVING NOVEMBER 8

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Mildred Hartman and Jack Weicker

10:45 A.M. Dick Vanderwall and Sue Oden

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. R. Merrick, C. Davis, G. Brown, N. Knappenberger

10:45 A.M. E. Rieke, M. Rieke, D. Mey, K. Taylor, E. Yeoman, L. Bushey, J. Franklin, M. Orr

USHERS

8:15 A.M. J. Ott, M. Hartman, M. Hutchinson

10:45 A.M. C. McGrew, C. Falbe, G. Miller, G. Baughman

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

E. Vanderwall - B. Glasgow
C. Ludwig - M. Arnold
E. Klepfer - L. Brey
J. Weicker - T. Critell

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Rieke's & J. Bushey

ACOLYTES

Holly Falbe & Jamie Bushey

EXTENDED SESSION I LEADER

Sue Brey

EVANGELISM CALLERS

TEAM I -
TEAM II- J.Truesdell & B.Smith

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. John Ohneck
10:45 A.M. Melissa Orr

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

9:00 A.M. C.W.F. General Meeting

CYF LOCK-IN IN TIPTON, IN

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
2:00 P.M. Volleyball at Auburn
6:00 P.M. Creative Arts
6:00 P.M. Parent/Youth Forum

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9

12:00 NOON D.M.A. Potluck with Jim Grimshaw, guest speaker
6:30 P.M. "Women In Transition"

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

11:30 A.M. Rebecca Circle
7:00 P.M. Elder's Meeting
7:30 P.M. Board of Trustees

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12

5:30 P.M. Carillon
6:45 P.M. Jubilation Ringers
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir
7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts in F.H.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14

CHI RHO DAY OUT IN INDIANAPOLIS
9:00 A.M. Church & Community Task Force
7:00 P.M. Young Adults at the Church

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Diana Lesueur(12)
Jewel Bynket(14)
James Hudlow(14)
Bernie Norman(16)
Tom Meadows (16)

Tidings

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4800 S. Calhoun St. Fort Wayne, IN 744-3239
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Consecration Sunday
8:15 & 10:45 Worship Service

Guest Speaker: Rev. Charles Blaisdell
Special Music: The Children of Creative Arts

This Sunday is a special day in the life of our church as each one of us will have the opportunity to consecrate our estimate of giving for 1993.

Rev. Blaisdell's sermon is entitled "What Will You Pack in the Lunch Box?" Chuck is an entertaining and inspirational speaker who will help us celebrate this special day. We hope everyone will try to be in worship this Sunday as we come together in this Thanksgiving season to give thanks to God for God's blessing.

Harvest Dinner
(after Second Service)

Have you made your reservation yet?

Turkey, pie, rolls, vegetables, and other goodies will be part of our Thanksgiving dinner Sunday. This meal is *not* a pitch-in, so we need your reservation. The meal is being prepared by our fellowship and stewardship committees. There will be a free-will offering taken to offset the cost.

Call to make your reservation: 744-3234 (church office).

From Here to Zehr

Last week Diane and I went to the Sizzler for supper. They had a nice salad bar and all-you-can-eat shrimp dinner for $8.95. I'm not promoting Sizzler but I realized this meal, including dessert and drink, cost us $25.00, not an expensive place to eat but it is amazing how quickly money can be spent. Most of us go out to eat once a week or more and find the money for these treats.

How much do we give to the church per week in comparison? We went to a movie--tickets for the two of us, popcorn, and drinks--$17.00. Now our total for the evening was $42.00. Many of us will have money for a movie and dinner. Let's give to God at least what we would spend on a movie and dinner.

Let's try to move a percentage up in our giving this year as we try to become tithe givers.

Look →
This is a graph that will help you decide what your pledge to the ministry of God's church will be this year.

Pray about this, and let's celebrate our giving this Sunday.

Peace,

Jerry

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300.00	30.00	27.
400.00	40.00	36.
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800.00	80.00	72.
900.00	90.00	81.
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RANGE GIVING 8%	7%	MIDDLE RANGE GIVING 6%	5%	4%	LOWER RANGE GIVING 3%	2%	1%
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16.00	14.00	12.00	10.00	8.00	6.00	4.00	2.00
24.00	21.00	18.00	15.00	12.00	9.00	6.00	3.00
32.00	28.00	24.00	20.00	16.00	12.00	8.00	4.00
40.00	35.00	30.00	25.00	20.00	15.00	10.00	5.00
48.00	42.00	36.00	30.00	24.00	18.00	12.00	6.00
56.00	49.00	42.00	35.00	28.00	21.00	14.00	7.00
64.00	56.00	48.00	40.00	32.00	24.00	16.00	8.00
72.00	63.00	54.00	45.00	36.00	27.00	18.00	9.00
80.00	70.00	60.00	50.00	40.00	30.00	20.00	10.00
88.00	77.00	66.00	55.00	44.00	33.00	22.00	11.00
96.00	84.00	72.00	60.00	48.00	36.00	24.00	12.00

ere YOU are on the chart. (Your weekly income/giving)

k to the left to determine what GROW ONE % would be for you.

Serving November 15

Elders

8:15 A.M. B. Johnson and B. Crouse
10:45 A.M. D. Oden and J. Kelly

Diaconate & Greeters

8:15 A.M. K. Blocher, G. Brown, T. Knuckles, M. Hutchinson
10:45 A.M. J. Walsh, T. Critell, G. Shirley, D. McEvoy, S. Brey, L. Brey, B. Glasgow, M. Orr

Ushers

8:15 A.M. L. Merrick, C. Davis
10:45 A.M. E. Nordblom, D. McEvoy, B. Glasgow

Acolytes

M. McEvoy and B. Rinker

Extended Session Leader

K. Taylor

Evangelism Callers

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Team II--M. Hartman & M. Hutchinson

Lay Worship Leaders

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10:45 A.M. Diane Mory

Church Calendar

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Chi Rho Day Out in Indianapolis
9:00 A.M. Church and Community Task Force
7:00 P.M. Young Adults Game Night

Sunday, November 15
8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
12:00 P.M. Harvest Dinner
2:00 P.M. Adult Volleyball at Auburn
4:00 P.M. Youth Volleyball at Auburn
6:00 P.M. Creative Arts

Monday, November 16
6:30 P.M. "Women in Transition"

Tuesday, November 17
9:30 A.M. Rachel Circle
7:00 P.M. Sarah Circle

Thursday, November 19
5:30 P.M. Carillon
6:45 P.M. Jubilation Ringers
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

Birthdays November 19-25

Muriel Baker (19)
Andy Moll (20)
Ressie Ehresman (20)
Laura York (21)
Nellie Buchanan (24)
Charles Green (25)
Marlene Crouse (25)
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Church Survey Booklets Distributed at Harvest Dinner

"What is this manila-colored book you're handing me?" may be the question in your mind on Sunday when representatives from the Church and Community Task Force distribute booklets to every member. Here's what it is.

It's a series of questions that will give us some working knowledge of the beliefs and attitudes of the members of First Christian Church.

Our task force has interviewed a few hundred persons from our community to assess their hopes, dreams and concerns, and now we need to know a little more about our own gifts as a church so that the outreach effort we are in the process of developing will be effective and speak to the real concerns of church and community alike.

The survey will take you 1/2 hour to do, and your answers are confidential. You don't even have to sign this. We simply need to know what we affirm and believe. It will be a great help. Please return to the church office before December 6.

If you have questions, call Diane Zehr.

CHURCH
AND
COMMUNITY
Planning Inventory

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

November 22 -- 7:00 P. M.
First Christian Church

Our church will sponsor an interfaith service with ten of the area congregations. Among the churches participating are Faith Lutheran, Calvary Presbyterian, Unitarian-Universalist, Christ Methodist, Lincolnshire Church of the Brethren, Grace St. John's UCC, St. John Baptist, and St. Luke's Lutheran. Rabbi Safran will be the guest speaker. Revs. Jerry and Diane Zehr will have a role in leading the service.

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Joys and Concerns

Jack Phillips is in Lutheran Hospital.

Ordno Glentzer is in St. Joseph Hospital.

Connie Kampenga has gone home from the hospital.

Edwin Johnson has gone home from the hospital.

Betty Maksl fell and broke her wrist.

Please Come

Open House in Honor of Margaret Leversee's 86th Birthday
Sunday, November 22 at 2:00-5:00 p.m.
at the Ruprights
763 E. 500 S., Huntington, IN 46750

Directions: I-69 So. to exit # 78 (Ind. 5). Turn Rt. Go approx. 2 1/4 miles to 500 S. Turn Rt. Go approx. 3/4 mile on Rt. OR Ind. 3 So. thru Markle to Ind. 124. Go Rt. or West on 124 to Ind. 5. Turn Rt. Go 1 mile to 500 S. Turn Rt. Go approx. 3/4 mile on the Rt.

We will have a sign or balloons to help identify.

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Thank You

I would like to thank all of you for all of your prayers, cards, and calls while I have been having and recuperating from my surgery. All of them have helped to make it easier to get through this difficult time. Thank you and God bless all of you.

Margaret Champion

Food Bank

The Food Bank needs crackers, noodles, cereal, macaroni & cheese.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Barbara and James Bond
1001 W. Oakdale Dr.

Volleyball! Volleyball!

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The next game will be November 15 at Auburn First Christian Church. First, Ft. Wayne (adults) will play Auburn, First at 2:00. North Christian (youth) will play First, Ft. Wayne (youth) at 4:00.

<u>November 29</u> at West Creighton
2:00 W. Creighton vs. First, Ft. Wayne
4:00 N. Christian vs. Auburn, First

<u>December 6</u> at W. Creighton
2:00 Auburn, First vs. First, Ft. Wayne
4:00 W. Creighton vs. N. Christian

<u>December 13</u> at Auburn
2:00 First, Ft. Wayne vs. N. Christian
4:00 W. Creighton vs. Auburn, First

Young Adult Game Night
Saturday, November 14, 7:00 P. M.

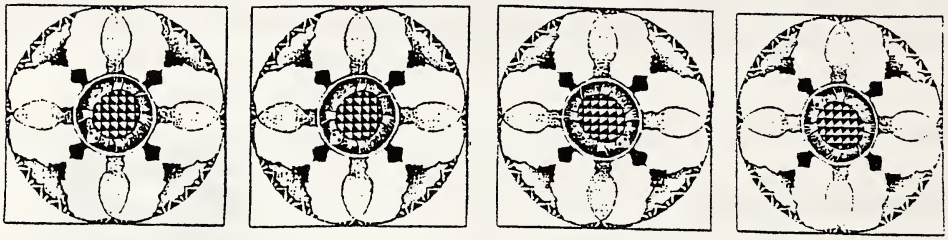
Sue and Larry Brey will host a Game Night at the Church for all young adults.
Please bring a board game and snacks.

Information for the Homebound

I will come to your home and do: Perms, Cuts, Sets, Styles, and Manicures.

If interested, please call Jean at 482-5055 in the evening.

HONOR THE INNER MASCULINE



- Get more fully in contact with your masculine self.
- Encounter this powerful inner energy and honor it...
- As key to true intimacy -- with women, other men, self.

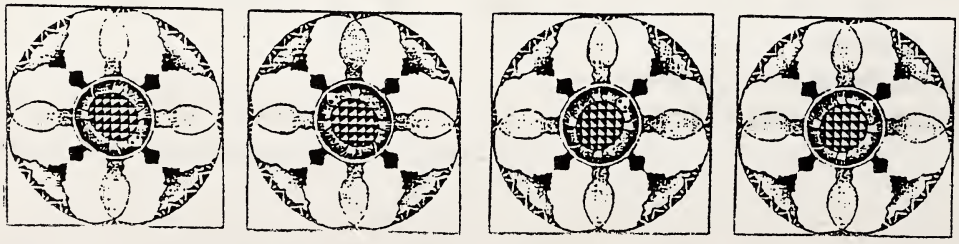
DAY for MEN

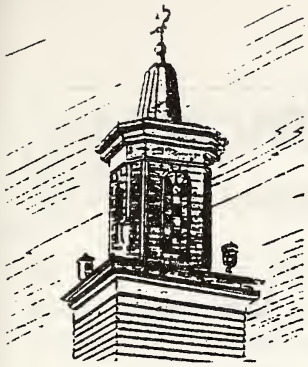
Saturday, November 21, 1992
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Hour lunch - bring sack lunch or eat out.

All men welcome! Informal. No reservation needed.

Facilitator: David Joliff, PhD. **Cost:** Ability to pay ($20-40)
Site: Memorial Baptist Church, 2900 North Anthony at Kenwood
Sponsor: Fort Wayne Men's Council -- The Men's Movement

SHARE THE ODYSSEY...share our stories...untie some knots...meet some of our heroes...connect heart-to-heart with those in attendance and even with those who are not.





Tidings

First Christian Church

4800 S. Calhoun St. Fort Wayne. IN 744-3239
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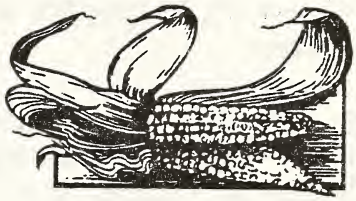
Interfaith Thanksgiving Service
November 22 7:00 p.m.



First Christian Church will host an interfaith service this Sunday evening. Ten of the area congregations will participate.

Rabbi Safran will be the guest speaker. His sermon is entitled "The Art of Giving Thanks." The Rabbi will highlight the common bonds between the Jewish and Christian faiths as he talks about our shared celebration of Thanksgiving in a pluralistic society.

A Russian immigrant will share her thoughts on the significance of Thanksgiving.

A joint choir made up of 75 singers from the ten congregations and directed by John Kratzat will provide music. The Hazameir Jewish choir will also perform.

Following the service, a reception will be held in Fellowship Hall.

Youth Meeting
Sunday, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Youth and parents will meet at 6:00 p.m. to hear Rabbi Safran talk about the similarities and differences in the Christian and Jewish faiths. The youth are then invited to the worship service at 7:00 p.m.

Consecration & Pledge Drive Results
See "Here to Zehr," p. 2

From Here to Zehr

"Plop, Plop, fizz, fizz." "I ate too much! " What a great meal we had Sunday. The worship service was very uplifting. Our children from Creative Arts, who sang Sunday, had new sweatshirts with the design "God is a creative artist and so am I." Our choir sang a beautiful song. Ginny Johnson was our guest soloist (she always does a wonderful job), and Rev. Blaisdell gave us a challenging message.

His message must have worked because over 60% of our pledges were increased from 1992, and we received ten new pledges. We have $199, 267 projected in pledges and giving for 1993, which is great. We still have some pledge cards that have been mailed today for those who were not able to be in worship Sunday. We hope to reach over $200,000 in our pledges this year.

I want to say a special thank-you to Sam Hayes and the Stewardship Committee for leading us through this stewardship drive. Also, a big thank-you to Jean McGrew and the Fellowship Committee for all their work in making a delicious dinner.

Peace,

Jerry

P.S. If you have received a pledge card this week, please fill it out and send it back as soon as possible.

Joys and Concerns

Dan Mounsey will have outpatient surgery this week.

Betty Maksl is recovering at home from a broken wrist. Her address is 3820 Hiawatha Blvd., Ft. Wayne, 46809

Orda Glentzer is recovering at Lutheran Home (6723 S. Anthony Blvd., Room 220, Wing B).

Let us keep Dolores Smith (wife of Bob Smith) in our prayers as she has been ill and will be having tests.

Jack Phillips has gone home from the hospital.

Announcement

All committee chair people--Don't forget the budget meeting December 1 at 7:00 p.m.

Personnel meeting--November 30 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor. We will make our recommendations for the staff budget for 1993.

Spiritual Participation	11-15-92	Average YTD
Worship	259	206
Sunday School	81	91

TAKE NOTE

Pastors on Vacation

Our pastors, Jerry and Diane Zehr will be taking four days of vacation over Thanksgiving, November 25-29. They will be traveling to Florida for an extended family gathering.

If there are emergencies, you may call Bill Franklin, chair of the Elders. He will be able to contact the Zehrs in case of emergency.

On Sunday, November 29, Gus Parrish will be preaching. Mr. Parrish is Executive Director of the Fort Wayne Rescue Mission. His sermon is entitled "Testimony." A special quartet will sing.

CHURCH AND COMMUNITY Planning Inventory

Church and Community Planning Inventory

Many of you received a congregational survey booklet last Sunday. It is manila colored and entitled "Church and Community Profile." We hope you will take the time needed to answer the questions as honestly as you can (all responses are confidential). You can tape the books closed and the results will be tabulated at McCormicks' Seminary in Chicago, IL.

This information will help us assess what our members believe and how we can best express those beliefs as we seek to minister to our community.

If you did NOT receive a copy, more will be handed out on Sunday morning, November 22.

You may return booklets to the church by December 6, at the latest (put them in boxes located at each door).

A brief summary of the findings of the task force who interviewed residents of the church neighborhood:

The community perceives itself to be in the midst of a transition phase, with the older population being replaced by new, younger people. The neighborhood describes+ its strengths in terms such as "stable," "good neighbors," "homeowner pride in property," and "feels safe." Among its concerns are increased crime and drugs and the changes that will come as the elderly residents die.

Sermon Preview

Sermon Title: "Family Ties and Tries"

When we look at the Cleaver family in 1952 and the Simpsons in 1992, we see the family in major transition. Is the family still important in our society? What do you do if you don't have much of a family? What do you do of your family is more like the Simpsons than the Cleavers?! Come Sunday and see what "Family Ties and Tries" is all about.

Youth News

This Sunday at 6:00 p.m. Rabbi Safran will speak about the Jewish faith. We will then join in the interfaith worship service at 7:00 p.m. Parents note time change: The service will end at 8:00 p.m.

November 29--No youth meeting
December 6--Christmas caroling and hot chocolate
December 13--Christmas Party

Please Come

Open House in Honor of Margaret Leversee's 86th Birthday
Sunday, November 22 at 2:00-5:00 p.m.
at the Ruprights
763 E. 500 S., Huntington, IN 46750

Directions: I-69 So. to exit # 78 (Ind. 5). Turn Rt. Go approx. 2 1/4 miles to 500 S. Turn Rt. Go approx. 3/4 mile on Rt. OR Ind. 3 So. thru Markle to Ind. 124. Go Rt. or West on 124 to Ind. 5. Turn Rt. Go 1 mile to 500 S. Turn Rt. Go approx. 3/4 mile on the Rt.

We will have a sign or balloons to help identify.

We would like to keep this a surprise!

Poinsettias

Christmas Poinsettias are available again this year. The price is $8.00. You can order by calling the church office at 744-3239 by December 4. Please designate if you will pick up your plant after the second service on December 20 or if you would like it taken to a shut-in.

If you want to honor or remember anyone with your purchase, please specify this when you call the office.

A church family has room for one or two people at their Thanksgiving table. Please call the church office, if interested

Volleyball! Volleyball!

Ten players have been playing volleyball on the co-ed team that is challenging other Disciple Churches on Sunday afternoons. If you are interested in playing, call the church office. The schedule is as follows:

November 29 at West Creighton
2:00 W. Creighton vs. First, Ft. Wayne
4:00 N. Christian vs. Auburn, First

December 6 at W. Creighton
2:00 Auburn, First vs. First, Ft. Wayne
4:00 W. Creighton vs. N. Christian

December 13 at Auburn
2:00 First, Ft. Wayne vs. N. Christian
4:00 W. Creighton vs. Auburn, First

Food Bank

The Food Bank needs crackers, noodles, cereal, macaroni & cheese.

The prayer chain is in place and ready to lift your joys and concerns to God in prayer. To activate the prayer chain, call the church office (744-3239) between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. On weekends call Judy Church at 447-5691

Information for the Homebound

I will come to your home and do: Perms, Cuts, Sets, Styles, and Manicures.

If interested, please call Jean at 482-5055 in the evening.

Serving November 22

Elders

8:15 A.M. J. Ohneck and C. Ludwig
10:45 A.M. E. Vanderwall and B. Franklin

Diaconate & Greeters

8:15 A.M. J. Arnold. M. Arnold. Jt. Myers. J. Myers
10:45 A.M. K. Taylor. R. Moll. S. Zimmerman. B. Kelly. K. Walsh. T. Hatten. J. Hatten. Dv. Rinker

Ushers

8:15 A.M. J. Ott. C. Byrket. J. Young
10:45 A.M. C. McGrew. S. Brew. H. Banet. W. Bowen

Homebound Communion

L. Ewing--S. Kerley
D. Oden--D. Mey
K. Graham--C. Davis
B. Johnson--L. Bushey

Communion Preparation

K. Blocher. B. Kelly. R. Moll

Coffee Hour Hosts

J. & K. Bushey

Acolytes

C. Ewing & K. Moll

Extended Session Leader

C. Farr

Evangelism Callers

Team I--B. & B. Hendricks
Team II--D. & S. Oden

Lay Worship Leaders

8:15 A.M. M. Hutchinson
10:45 A.M. D. Vanderwall

Church Calendar

Sunday. November 22

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
6:00 P.M. CYF & Chi Rho
6:00 P.M. Creative Arts
7:00 P.M. Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

Tuesday. November 24

7:30 P.M. Committees

Thursday. November 26 & Friday. November 27

Church office closed

BirthdaysNovember 26-December 2

Mary Sue Ludwig (28)
Ken Perkins (28)
James Allen Clausen (29)
Lauren Ewing (30)
Bethel Breeden (1)
Beth Walker (2)

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Advent--The Countdown That Really Counts

What comes at the end of our calendar year yet is the beginning of our liturgical year in the Church? It's Advent, the four Sundays leading up to Christmas. We celebrate waiting and hoping as we mark the Sundays by lighting the candles of our advent wreath, by decorating, and by special music and giving gifts.

Let's look a little more closely at the meaning of Advent in order to enrich our spirits as we enjoy this season of the Church year. The following ideas come from the book *Thankful Praise.*

Advent is a season of contrasts. It is a season of waiting, yet the waiting itself brings fulfillment in the birth of Jesus.

Advent is a sign of hope and expectation, yet it demands our committed discipleship to the Prince of Peace here and now.

Advent is a time of remembering God's being born in the flesh in Jesus of Nazareth, yet is also acknowledges Christ is born ever anew in our midst this year, too.

Advent occurs, for us in the Northern Hemisphere, at the darkest time of the year, yet it brings news of the birth of the Son, who is, we confess, the light of the world.

So wait yet celebrate, hope yet live your faith, remember yet watch how Christ is born in our midst. Celebrate Advent. It's a "countdown that really counts."

November 29--First Sunday of Advent

"Hanging of the Greens"--The Sanctuary will be decorated in our Christmas colors.

This Sunday, Rev. Gus Parrish will be our guest preacher. He is the Executive Director of the Fort Wayne Rescue Mission. His sermon is entitled "Testimony."

December 6--Second Sunday of Advent

Sermon: "'Twas the Fight Before Christmas," Rev. Jerry Zehr

Intergenerational Sunday School hour, 9:30-10:30 a.m.--"Whose Birthday Is It Anyway?"--All classes will meet together in Fellowship Hall as we begin to understand the "Reason for the Season" of Advent. We'll experience darkness together, and begin to look forward to the birth of Jesus as the light coming into the world. Simple Christmas crafts, a birthday party for Jesus, and stories will fill our spirits for the Advent season ahead. Come to Fellowship Hall at 9:30 on December 6.

All-church Caroling, 6:00 p.m.--Come and join in the singing to our homebound members, and then come back to the church for hot chocolate and dessert.

December 13--Third Sunday of Advent

Sermon: "The Gifts of Christmas," Revs. Jerry and Diane Zehr and choir

A special worship service at 8:15 and 10:45 a.m. This will be a service in song and word with the Adult and Children's and Handbell choirs.

Youth group Christmas party at 6:00 p.m.

December 20--Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sermon: "Making Room for the Gifts of Christmas," Rev. Jerry Zehr

December 24--Christmas Eve

Family Candlelight Service, 7:00 p.m.

Sermon: "God's Presence Presents"

A litany of the animals, brightly wrapped gifts that speak of what God gives us at Christmas, and a chance for all ages to celebrate the coming of the Light of the World. Mary and Joseph and baby Jesus will welcome the children while we worship in carols, scripture and music with our guest harpist and soloists. This service will be shorter (not quite an hour long for children's attention spans) but powerful.

Service of Carols, Communion, Candles, 11:00 p.m.

Sermon: "You Don't Have to Set the World on Fire," Rev. Jerry Zehr

This will be a special service with a guest harpist, and Rev. Zehr presenting a moving Christmas message. We will share in the singing of carols, in Communion, and the lighting of candles.

December 27

Sermon: "What Did You Get for Christmas?" Rev. Diane Zehr

ATTENTION SENIORS

D. M. A. (Don't Mention Age) Meeting
Tuesday, December 15

Every Christmas the Botanical Gardens decorates their place with beautiful lights and decorations for Christmas. We will tour the Botanical Gardens and then have a Christmas lunch at the Window Garden.

Meet at the Botanical Gardens at 11:30 a.m. The cost is $2.50 per person for the tour. Bring money for lunch.

Call the church office to make your reservations for lunch.

Ladies--CWF Service

Please save your Kroger receipts. They help buy computers for schools.

Canticle of Christmas
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Youth News

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Food Bank

Could you give two hours a week one or two weeks a month? If so, we would like to have you help at the Food Bank.

The hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. The job consists of filling out a client intake form, then gathering food from the shelves according to their needs.

The job is easy, but the satisfaction is great!

If you need more information or are ready to volunteer, call Wes Westerfield (485-9351)

Monthly Food Bank Report
10-31-92

Families served	65
Individuals	213
First time	28
Repeats	37
Est. meals	3,195

The Food Bank needs:

tuna, peanut butter, cake mixes, dried beans, pork & beans, rice, and personal items

Serving November 29

Elders

8:15 A.M. B. Hendricks and B. Johnson
10:45 A.M. E. Klepfer and D. Kreischer

Diaconate & Greeters

8:15 A.M. B. Lindsay, J. Lindsay, G. Brown, N. Knappenberger
10:45 A.M. M. McFarland, J. Mounsey, L. Bushey, M. Orr, C. Murray, D. Orr, M. Quick, J. Bushey

Ushers

8:15 A.M. J. Ott, M. Hartman, M. Hutchinson
10:45 A.M. C. McGrew, D. J. Rinker, H. Nordblom, C. Falbe

Communion Preparation

K. Blocher, B. Kelly, R. Moll

Coffee Hour Hosts

M. and B. Grimm

Acolytes

M. McEvoy and J. Bushey

Extended Session Leader

C. Farr

Evangelism Callers

Team I--B. Grimm & E. Yeoman

Lay Worship Leaders

8:15 A.M. B. Lindsay
10:45 A.M. M. Quick

Church Calendar

Sunday, November 29

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
2:00 P.M. Volleyball

Monday, November 30

6:30 P.M. Area I Board Meeting
7:00 P.M. Personnel Meeting

Tuesday, December 1

7:00 P.M. Budget Meeting for Committee Chairs

Thursday, December 3

9:30 A.M. Naomi Circle
5:30 P.M. Carillon
6:45 P.M. Jubilation Ringers
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir
Boy Scouts in Fellowship Hall

Birthdays: December 3-9

Donna Wininger (4)
Neva Mennewisch (5)
Ethel Richhart (6)
Mildred Arruza (6)
Phillip Bozarth (6)
Mary Fanger (6)
Sue Kerley (7)
Brenda Proegler (7)
Shelley Sandelbach(8)
Clifton Bowman (9)

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Tidings

First Christian Church

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Services During Advent Season

On Sunday, December 6, the second Sunday of Advent, we will light the Candle of Peace during the two worship services at 8:15 and 10:45 a.m. Rev. Jerry Zehr will preach. During the special Sunday school hour, from 9:30-10:30 a.m., all classes will meet together in Fellowship Hall as we begin to reflect on the meaning of Advent. We'll experience darkness together, and begin to look forward to the birth of Jesus as the light coming into the world. Christmas crafts, a birthday for Jesus, and stories will help us prepare for the Advent season. That evening, at

6:00 p.m., our all-church caroling will take place. Join us in singing to our homebound members. After caroling, we will return to the church for hot chocolate and dessert.

On the third Sunday of Advent, December 13, there will be a special worship service at 8:15 and 10:45. The Candle of Joy will be lighted. The sermon is entitled "The Gifts of Christmas," and it will be presented by Revs. Jerry and Diane Zehr and choir members. This will be a service in song and word in which the Adult and Children's and Handbell choirs will participate. At 6:00 p.m. the youth group will enjoy a Christmas party at the church.

From Here to Zehr

This last week we were on vacation on Captiva Island, near Fort Myers, FL. I went shelling for the first time. I learned that to find the really good shells you need to stand out four or five feet in the water to the drop-off, where the shells get caught on the edge of the beach.

As I stood there letting the waves crash upon me, I would see beautiful shells that the ocean would throw onto the beach, and then as I would reach for the shells the tide would pull them back into the ocean. At first, it was frustrating because I tried to control the tide and grasped for the shell as if it were a beautiful lost treasure that I wanted. But then I relaxed and opened my hands and let the tide bring the shells to me. There were always a number of broken pieces filling my hands, but there would also be one perfect shell that stood out from all the others.

I realized this is how our relationship with God is. When we try to control life it feels like everything slips through our fingers as the "God-tide" pulls the shells back into the ocean, but if we open our hands and let the shells come to us, God will bring the right shell into our life. I had to do my part by getting into the water and looking through all of the shells. Yet there seemed to be a fine line between participating in the experience and controlling it.

I hope this Advent you will "let go" of the ocean tide and let God bring you the shells you need.

Peace,

Jerry

P.S. Diane and I look forward to being back in worship on Sunday. I want to thank Jim Bushey and Bill Franklin for covering for me last Sunday!

Joys and Concerns

Jack Phillips is in Lutheran Hospital.

Roger Gross is in St. Joseph Hospital

Judy Mey had outpatient surgery this week.

Our sympathy is with Mark and Pauline Snyder in the death of Mark's brother last week in Cape Canaveral, FL.

Spiritual Participation	11-29-92	Average YTD
Worship	170	205
Sunday School	75	88

CHURCH AND COMMUNITY
Planning Inventory

Church and Community Planning Inventory

1 Surveys have been returned and 145 are till out.

Please return your survey booklets to the church by December 6. Place them in the boxes located at each door.

Announcement

Congregational Meeting--Sunday, December 3 at 9:30 a.m. There will be a meeting to approve the 1993 budget at 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary. We hope everyone will attend. This should be a short meeting.

The prayer chain is in place and ready to lift your joys and concerns to God in prayer. To activate the prayer chain, call the church office (744-3239) between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. On weekends call Judy Church at 447-5691

Food Bank

In November we served 98 families with 354 individuals. This is for us a record 5,300 meals. Your filling of the food bags helped keep the shelves stocked, but we need help again for Christmas.

Please fill another bag of groceries and bring it to the church by Sunday, December 13, if possible.

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Sermon Preview

Sermon: "The Fight Before Christmas" Scripture: Isaiah 11: 1-10

This is Peace Sunday. How does Isaiah imagine peace being created in our world? What do you think we need for peace to be a reality in the world? Is it realistic to work for peace? How can you be a peacemaker in your daily activity?

Hark, Ye Young Adults!

Come enjoy the spirit of the season on December 12 at 7:00 p.m. at the Orrs' (9414 Silverfox Dr.). There will be food, fun, fellowship, and a special rendition of "A Christmas Carol." Bring yourself and a friend and a dish to share!

D. M. A. (Don't Mention Age) Meeting
Tuesday, December 15

We will tour the Botanical Gardens and then have a Christmas lunch at the Window Garden.

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Canticle of Christmas

December 13, 4:30 p.m. at Faith United Methodist Church
(corner of Clinton and DeWald Streets)

Come enjoy an ecumenical choir with members from ten church choirs around the Fort Wayne area. Also featuring a string ensemble. Plan to attend this Christmas Cantata and celebrate this Blessed Holiday Season. Marie Miller of First Christian Church will sing.

Volleyball! Volleyball!

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Ladies--CWF Service

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41st Annual Christ Child Festival

Friday, December 11, 6-9 p.m.
Saturday, December 12, 12-8 p.m.
Sunday, December 13, 12-6 p.m.

You are invited to participate in the 41st Annual Christ Child Festival at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum. Sponsored by Christians of various denominations, the festival's purpose is sharing the Good News of Christ. The festival includes live nativity scenes, religious art, booths, drama, sacred music, an international area, and children's activities.

Serving December 6

Elders

8:15 A.M. L. Ewing and M. Hartman
10:45 A.M. Jt. Weicker and D. Oden

Diaconate & Greeters

8:15 A.M. R. Merrick, C. Davis, K. Blocher, T. Knuckles
10:45 A.M. T. Crittel, S. Kerley, J. Franklin, E. Rieke, M. Rieke, D. Mey, Db. Rinker, E. Yeoman

Ushers

8:15 A.M. J. Ott, D. Graham, J. Young
10:45 A.M. C. McGrew, G. Miller, G. Baughman, E. Nordblom

Homebound Communion

B. Franklin and M. Quick
C. Hatten and K. Walsh
J. Kelly and J. Myers
D. Vanderwall and M. Hutchinson

Communion Preparation

C. Murray, J. & K. Walsh, K. Taylor

Coffee Hour Hosts

S. Rudy and Eunice Conrad

Acolytes

N. Duncan and A. Stow

Extended Session Leader

K. Bushey

Evangelism Callers

Team I--V. Klepfer
Team II--R. and J. Church

Lay Worship Leaders

8:15 A.M. D. Keebortz
10:45 A.M. L. Miller

Church Calendar

Sunday, December 6

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Intergenerational Hour
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
2:00 P.M. Volleyball
6:00 P.M. All-Church Caroling

Tuesday, December 8

11:30 A.M. Rebecca Circle
7:30 P.M. Board of Trustees

Thursday, December 10

5:30 P.M. Carillon
6:45 P.M. Jubilation Ringers
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir
Boy Scouts in Fellowship Hall

Saturday, December 12

12:30 P.M. Lafayette Place Christmas Party
7:00 P.M. Young Adults Christmas Party

Birthdays: December 10-16

Katie Kilgore (10)
Bill Franklin (10)
Rolland Ripple (11)
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The Gifts of Christmas

December 13, 1992 8:15 & 10:45 a.m.

is Sunday we will have a special worship service combining the music of Christmas with e message of Christmas to share the story of the "Gifts of Christmas." The Candle of Joy ll be lighted. Our Adult and Children's choirs and our Youth and Adult Handbell choirs will esent the music. The choirs will be accompanied by musicians playing the viola and ger cymbals. Revs. Diane and Jerry Zehr will offer some inspiring readings that will tertwine with the music to bring us into the Christmas spirit.

Christmas Eve Services

7:00 & 11:00 p.m.

is year we will have a guest harpist who will play at both services. Our 7:00 p.m. service ll be a family service. This will an opportunity for all ages to celebrate the coming of the ght of the World. There will be a litany of the animals and brightly wrapped gifts that eak of what God gives us at Christmas. Mary and Joseph and Baby Jesus will welcome the ildren while we worship in carols, scripture and music. This service will be shorter--but werful. (Note to parents: Please have your child bring a stuffed animal to present to by Jesus at the beginning of the service. They will be able to take it back home following e service.)

our 11:00 p.m. service there will be carols, Holy Communion, and the lighting of candles. e Christ candle will also be lighted. The Adult choir will sing Christmas anthems, and Rev. rry Zehr will present a meaningful Christmas message: "You Don't Have to Set the World n Fire."

From Here to Zehr

The sociologist Robert Bellah says, "We should not underestimate the significance of a small group of people who have a new vision of a just and gentle world. The quality of a culture may be changed when two percent have a new vision."

The birth of Jesus into the world gave us a new vision for our relationship to one another. What is the vision God has for your life? What is the vision the Church needs to articulate and continue to create?

Part of our understanding as a church is to help articulate God's vision for our community and world. We are co-creators of this vision as we become God's hands in the world. What is God calling *you* to do to help bring God's vision into birth this Christmas?

See you Sunday.

Peace,
Jerry

P.S. You don't want to miss worship this Sunday. Also, there is an insert card in this week's *Tidings* explaining our Christmas services. We sent this flyer to 5,000 people in our neighborhood. Would *you* give this card to someone this week and invite them to worship this Sunday?

Joys and Concerns

Ruby Kolkman is in St. Joseph Hospital.

Our sympathy is with Grace Truby in the death of her son last week.

Cindy and Derrick Farr are recovering at home following an auto accident last week.

Announcements

Congregational Meeting, Sunday, December 13 at 9:30 a.m. There will be a meeting in the Sanctuary to approve the 1993 budget. We hope everyone will attend.

Committees will not meet in December.

Jerry and Diane Zehr will be out of the office during the week of December 28.

There will be no *Tidings* the week of December 21.

Spiritual Participation	12-06-92	Average YTD
Worship	198	205
Sunday School	66	86

ark, Ye Young Adults!

ome enjoy the spirit of the season on ecember 12 at 7:00 p.m. at the Orrs' 9414 Silverfox Dr.). There will be food, in, fellowship, and a special rendition of A Christmas Carol." Bring yourself and a iend and a dish to share!

ATTENTION SENIORS

D.M.A. (Don't Mention Age) Meeting
Tuesday, December 15

e will tour the Botanical Conservatory and nen have a Christmas lunch at the Window arden.

eet at the Botanical Conservatory at 11:30 .m. The cost is $2.50 per person for the our. Call the church office to make your eservations for lunch.

Food Bank

December is starting out to be a big month at the Food Bank. Despite the drop in unemployment, our client load is increasing. We need all the help we can get to carry us through Christmas. In addition to food items, such as tuna, peanut butter, cake mixes, dried beans, pork & beans, and rice, we can use personal items such as toothbrushes and toothpaste, deodorants, and shampoo. Please fill another bag of groceries and bring it to the church by Sunday, December 13, if possible.

The Food Bank still needs volunteers, if you can give two hours a week one or two weeks a month. The hours are from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

If you would like to volunteer, call Wes Westerfield (485-9351).

Did you see the Christmas flyer? Please give this to someone this week and invite them to church. "Let your light so shine." This will only be effective if people give them away.

Poinsettia Gifts at Christmastime

Alice Nulf--In memory of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leon White

Jack and Janet Weicker--In memory of Jack's parents, Manald and Helen Weicker

Jack and Janet Weicker--In memory of Janet's parents, Guy and Anna Thompson

Jack and Janet Weicker--In memory of Janet's brother, James R. Thompson

Ralph and Judy Church--In memory of Nick Keirn

Larry and Sue Brey

Grant and Jessie Fern Woodward--In memory of their daughter, Linda

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John and Jo Weyer

Mary Wilhelm--In memory of her husband and daughter

Thelma Onion--In memory of her husband, Cecil Onion

Leo and Donna Heimann, Dustin and Megan McEvoy--In memory of Donna's brothers, Max and Steve Onion

Lillian Busse--In memory of Arthur Busse, Mel Busse, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles King

Ginny Johnson

Arabella Kreischer--In memory of her parents Georgia and Herbert Wright, and Fred Wright

Harriett Cole--In memory of Romane H. Cole

Glenn and Lola Miller--In memory of loved ones

Caroling, Caroling . . ."

Off we went last Sunday into the night, 36 children, youth and adults in three different groups, to nursing homes and residences of many of our homebound members. Creative Arts children had prepared bags of cookies and Christmas cards. We received a warm welcome wherever we went.

One woman, wheelchair bound but dressed in a holiday red dress, joined us through the halls of Lutheran Home, singing and assuring the children that "tomorrow morning (she) had a 10:00 a.m. appointment with Santa and that she would be sure to tell him how *good* we had been for them.

Thanks to all who drove and sang, and to Sue and Don Oden for the refreshments when we returned to the church.

The Advent Box

There's a big box called the Advent Box in Fellowship Hall throughout December. It is a learning experience to help our children know more about the meaning of Advent. During Advent we *wait* for the coming of the light of Christ into the world.

Our children may sit in this box and listen with headphones to a tape about the darkness and about the coming of light at Christmas.

Mitten Tree

This winter you can help keep a child warm by placing a pair of gloves, socks, or a hat or scarf on the Mitten Tree in Fellowship Hall. Right after Christmas we will send everything on the tree to the Cleveland Christian Home for Children.

Christmas Gifts Needed for Adopted Family

CWF has adopted a family through the Christmas Bureau. The family includes a 31-year-old mother, a 12-year-old boy, and a 9-year-old girl.

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"The power of the prayer of the heart is that through it all that is on our mind becomes prayer. When we learn to descend into our heart, then all those who have become part of our lives are led into the healing presence of God and touched by Him in the center of our being."

From: *The Way of the Heart*--Henri Nouwen

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41st Annual Christ Child Festival

Friday, December 11, 6-9 p.m.
Saturday, December 12, 12-8 p.m.
Sunday, December 13, 12-6 p.m.

You are invited to participate in the 41st Annual Christ Child Festival at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum. The festival's purpose is to share the Good News of Christ. The festival includes live nativity scenes, religious art, booths, drama, sacred music, an international area, and children's activities.

Youth News

December 13, 6:00 p.m.
This Sunday we will plan our Christmas party for next week. We will also play some games and have some fun!

December 20, 6:00 p.m.--Christmas Party! More information next week.

December 27--No meeting. Everybody will play with their new toys from Santa.

Creative Arts

Creative Arts will *not* meet the next three Sundays, December 13, 20, 27. But we will begin again on January 3 at 6:00 p.m. Don't forget: This Sunday the children sing during both services.

Volleyball!

December 13 at Auburn
2:00 First, Fort Wayne vs. N. Christian
4:00 W. Creighton vs. Auburn, First

Christmas Card Greetings

Send your Christmas greetings to our church family with one card addressed to the church. They will be placed on two banners located in Fellowship Hall, and relayed to everyone in *Tidings*. The money you save on cards and postage by not mailing to all your church friends will be sent to Basic Mission finance. Sign one card, include your donation (if check, make payable to First Christian Church), and send or bring it to the church office.

You Are Invited

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Creager and Mr. and Mrs. James Jones request the honour of your presence at the marriage of their daughter, Shannon Kay, to Mr. Andrew Dennis Lutz, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Lutz, Saturday, the nineteenth of December, 1992 at 6:30 p.m. at First Christian Church.

Thank You

A big thank you goes to Dick Mey for making the "Peace" sign that is in the church yard. Thanks also goes to John Perry and Dave Kreischer for running the electricity for the sign. Thanks, guys, for making such a great mission statement to all who pass by.

Christmas Music

The Merillat Centre at Huntington College will offer several music programs during the holiday season. On Friday, December 11, at 7:30 P.M., The Music Department will present its Choral Festival of Christmas. The College choir will be joined by a wind ensemble and the Grace College Bell Choir. The concert is free and no tickets are needed.

A Community Christmas Carol Sing will be held Sunday, Devember 20 at 2:30 p.m.. The Carol Sing is also free.

Serving December 13

Elders

8:15 A.M.	J. Ohneck, K. Graham
10:45 A.M.	B. Franklin, E. Vanderwall

Diaconate & Greeters

8:15 A.M.	B. Hendricks, M. Hutchinson, G. Brown, N. Knappenberger
10:45 A.M.	J. Walsh, K. Bushey, D. McEvoy, S. Brey, L. Brey, B. Glasgow, M. Orr, M. McFarland

Ushers

8:15 A.M.	J. Ott, C. Davis, L. Merrick
10:45 A.M.	C. McGrew, D. McEvoy, B. Glasgow, H. Banet

Communion Preparation

C. Murray, J. & K. Walsh, K. Taylor

Coffee Hour Hosts

H. & E. Nordblom

Acolytes

H. Falbe, J. Bushey

Extended Session Leader

K. Ohneck

Evangelism Callers

Team II--J. Truesdell & B. Smith

Lay Worship Leaders

8:15 A.M.	K. Ohneck
10:45 A.M.	L. Finkhousen

Church Calendar

Sunday, December 13

8:15 A.M.	First Worship
9:30 A.M.	Church School; Congregational Meeting
10:45 A.M.	Second Worship
2:00 P.M.	Volleyball
6:00 P.M.	Youth Groups

Tuesday, December 15

9:30 A.M.	Rachel Circle
11:30 A.M.	D.M.A. at Botanical Gardens, and then lunch at Window Garden
7:00 P.M.	Sarah Circle

Thursday, December 17

5:30 P.M.	Carillon
6:45 P.M.	Jubilation Ringers
7:00 P.M.	Chancel Choir
	Boy Scouts in Fellowship Hall

Birthdays: December 17-23

Fran Eckert (17)	John Morris (20)
Jacob Smelser (18)	Tammy Ott (20)
Warren Smart (18)	Elaine Parrot(22)
Diana Blomeke (20)	

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Christmas Sunday--December 20

8:15 & 10:45 a.m. Worship Services

Our Christmas Sunday will be filled with seasonal music. There will be a special piano-organ prelude. A guest soloist will perform, our Handbell Choir will play, and our Chancel Choir will sing a beautiful arrangement of everyone's favorite, "Silent Night." The Candle of Love will be lighted. Rev. Jerry Zehr's Christmas message is entitled "Making Room for God's Gifts."

Christmas Eve Services

A Family Service--7:00 p.m.

The Christmas meditation, presented by Revs. Diane and Jerry Zehr, is entitled "God's Presence Presents." We will have a guest harpist and a quartet that will sing a "Sussex Carol" and a "Christmas Lullaby." (Note to parents: Please have your child bring a stuffed animal to present to Baby Jesus at the beginning of the service. They may pick it up following the service.)

Carols, Communion & Candlelight--11:00 p.m.

The Christmas meditation will be: "You Don't Have to Set the World on Fire." The Chancel Choir will sing two Christmas anthems, and we will also have a guest harpist.

From Here to Zehr

This will be our last newsletter article before Christmas, and Diane and I want to express *our* joy in being able to worship with you this Christmas season. Christmas is a time of being with family, and we have felt like you have made us a part of your family at First Christian. Christmas is a time of eating together, and, boy, have we eaten! Christmas is a time of giving gifts, and we want to give you our love and friendship. Christmas is a time of receiving gifts, and we both have received many gifts of support, laughter, joy and love. Thank you.

The most important part of Christmas is worshipping together as a faith community and celebrating the gift of the God-Child coming into our lives--the God-Child that has changed our lives forever. Thanks be to God! Amen!

Have a good holiday season. We'll see you Sunday.

Peace,
Jerry and Diane

P.S. The worship service last Sunday was wonderful. Thanks to John Kratzat, Ellen Duncan, Teresa Hatten, Jerry Zimmerman, all the choir members, and the musicians for an uplifting service!

Joys and Concerns

Roger Gross is in St. Joseph Hospital, room 492.

Announcements

Committees will meet December 29. Check with your committee chair.

Jerry and Diane Zehr will be out of the office during the week of December 28.

There will be no *Tidings* the week of December 21.

Spiritual Participation	12-13-92	Average YTD
Worship	339	208
Sunday School	100	87

eason's Greetings

ıe staff of First Christian would like to ısh all church members a great ıristmas. It has been a joy to work with ou in the ministry of our Christ child.

Peace be yours,

Diane Zehr
Diane Johnson
John Kratzer
Jerry Zimmerman
IGH WESTERFIELD) Ellen Duncan

dditional Poinsettia Gifts

d and Sue Allen--In memory of their son, reg Allen

uby Mowery and Sue and Al Creager and amily--In memory of Arthur Mowery

ark and Pauline Snyder

Food Bank

You can still help us brighten the Christmas of our Food Bank clients. We will be passing out turkeys along with the staples that we normally give. You can help by bringing hard candy, fruit, nuts, cake mixes, or treats this Sunday.

A little bit from you can mean a lot to someone who is struggling just to put food on the table.

Please help us make this Christmas season better for someone in need.

The Food Bank still needs volunteers, if you can give two hours a week one or two weeks a month. The hours are from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

If you would like to volunteer, call Wes Westerfield (485-9351).

Pecans are in and They are Delicious!

The cost is $5.50 per pound. See Evelyn Yeoman or Rosemary Krull this Sunday in Fellowship Hall.

Sermon Preview

Sermon: "Making Room for God's Gifts" Scripture: Matthew 1: 18-25

What was Joseph's reaction when Mary told him she was pregnant? Notice that verse 23 is a quote from Isaiah 7: 14. Why did Matthew include these words in this scripture passage? How is this account different from Luke? Why doesn't Mark include anything about Jesus's birth? What was the gift Joseph received in all this?

Healing Service Begins New Year

Monday, January 4, 7:00 p.m.

The New Year is always a good time to be aware of the new beginning that God offers us every moment of life. Sometimes events of the past tie us down with grief or anxiety and the weight of those feelings and experiences hold us back from the future into which God leads us.

If you have felt weighted down or if, in any way, you feel a need for the healing that the love of Jesus Christ can give, we invite you to this New Year's service, where we will have time to be with friends, to be quiet with God, and to experience the healing power of God at work in our midst.

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me
to give a garland of joy instead of ashes,
The oil of gladness instead of mourning."
--Isaiah 6: 1

Christmas Greetings to the Congregation

Linn & George Bartling

Miriam Bixenman

Peggy Buskirk

Reba Fusselman

The Molls--Roger, Anne, Andy, Dan, & Katie

Carole Overmyer

Mary Wilhelm

Evelyn Yeoman

Earl & Ruth Plummer

Harold & Ruby Cline

Active Parenting Today

Classes Begin Sunday, January 10
6-7:30 p.m.

Do you ever find yourself parenting your child the same way you promised yourself you never would? Or would you just find it reassuring to get together with other parents and together look at how you could love your child better?

On six Sunday evenings, January 10-February 14, Rev. Diane Zehr will lead a course called Active Parenting Today.

Highlights of the six sessions include:

* replacing power struggle with a method of choices

* instilling courage and self-esteem

* understanding children

* learning how consequences develop responsibility

* winning cooperation through family enrichment activities

Please look for the sign-up card in Sunday's bulletin (December 27 and January 3). Bring your child to Youth Group and Creative Arts, and stay with us for this class.

Mitten Tree

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"Through prayer we can carry in our heart all human pain and sorrow, all conflicts and agonies, all torture and war, all hunger, loneliness, and misery because God's heart has become one with ours."
-- *The Way of the Heart* Henri Nouwen

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Youth News

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December 27--No meeting. Everybody will play with their new toys from Santa.

Creative Arts

Creative Arts will *not* meet Sunday, December 20 and 27. But we will begin again on January 3 at 6:00 p.m.

Extended Session News

December's Extended Session for 2nd-4th graders will happen on December 20.

Those older than 4th grade, please remain in the Sanctuary with parents.

Thank You

Thank you for your prayers and ards during my son's illness and death.

Grace Truby

Thank you for all your prayers luring my recent hospital stay.

Roger Gross

A Note from Rev. Zehr

Have you returned your Church and Community survey yet?

This is very important. We have an opportunity to gain new information for the life of our church through these surveys. And because we are in the Church and Community program there is not cost to us.

We have passed the deadline. Please bring in the surveys. We have received only 60 and we need at least 100 to make the survey effective.

Thanks.
Jerry

Church Calendar

Sunday, December 20
8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
6:00 P.M. Youth Groups--Christmas Party

Thursday, December 24
7:00 P.M. Family Christmas Eve Service
11:00 P.M. Candlelight, Carols, & Communion

Sunday, December 27
No Youth Group meeting

Monday, December 28
Jerry & Diane Zehr will be out of the office this week.

Birthdays: December 22-30

Bill Crouse (24)
Michael O' Laughlin (24)
Elizabeth Dull (26)
Carolyn Falbe (26)
Jill Crist (26)
Michele Reeves (27)
Marsha Busse (27)
Sarah Smith (28)
Paul Fisher (28)
John Mathis (28)
Marie Miller (29)
Lucille Branstrator (29)

December 31-January 6

Todd McBride (31)
Saleum Phomsoupha (1)
Carole Davis (2)
Linda Hayes (2)
Ken Nunn (2)
Scott Johnson (3)
Cindy Farr (3)
Velma Hechler (4)
Ardith Wrisk (4)
Tracy Critell (5)
Eva Rousseau (6)
Milas Driver (6)
Suzanne Murray(6)
Sara Mullen (6)

Serving December 20

Elders

8:15 A.M. B. Johnson, C. Ewing
10:45 A.M. S. Oden, J. Kelly

Diaconate & Greeters

8:15 A.M. J. Arnold, M. Arnold, J. Myers, Jt. Myers
10:45 A.M. K. Taylor, R. Moll, Dv. Rinker, B. Kelly, K. Walsh, T. Hatten, J. Hatten, S. Zimmerman

Ushers

8:15 A.M. J. Ott, M. Hartman, M. Hutchinson
10:45 A.M. C. McGrew, D. J. Rinker, W. Bowen, S. Brey

Homebound Communion

B. Hendricks--N. Knappenberger
J. Ohneck--E. Yeoman
M. Hartman--K. Blocher
R. Krull--B. Hendricks

Communion Preparation

B. Lindsay, J. Lindsay, M. Quick

Acolytes

M. McEvoy, B. Rinker

Extended Session Leader

K. Taylor

Evangelism Callers

Team I--J. & C. McGrew
Team II--M. Hartman & M. Hutchinson

Lay Worship Leaders

8:15 A.M. M. Hutchinson
10:45 K. Walsh

Serving December 27

Elders

8:15 A.M. C. Ludwig, J. Weicker
10:45 A.M. R. Krull, C. Hatten

Diaconate & Greeters

8:15 A.M. C. Davis, N. Knappenberger, K. Blocher, G. Brown
10:45 A.M. J. Mounsey, L. Bushey, M. Orr, D. Mey, C. Murray, D. Orr, M. Quick, J. Bushey

Ushers

8:15 A.M. J. Ott, J. Young, L. Merrick
10:45 A.M. C. McGrew, H. Nordblom, C. Falbe, W. Bowen

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L. McFarland

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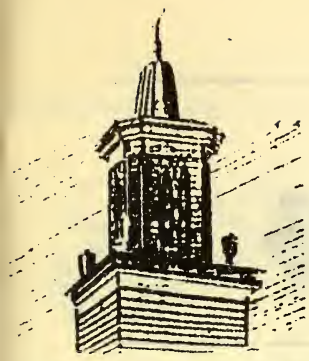

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Service & Class Start New Year

Healing Service
Monday, January 4
7:00 pm

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From Here to Zehr

"You cannot grow without changing. You can change without growing, but you cannot grow without changing."
--John C. Maxwell

1993! A new year! A chance to wipe the slate clean and begin again! We talk about making resolutions and setting goals. Some people think making goals is silly and they "just go with the flow." I *believe* what Eleanor Roosevelt said: "The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams." We need to set goals for our personal (spiritual and emotional) life, our family life, our vocational life. Why don't you take a break this week and write down some goals for your life this year?

I have some goals for our church that I will share with you Sunday!

Let's everyone be in church this Sunday and start the New Year on the right foot! --or the left foot! God doesn't care as long as it is a step towards God!

Peace,
Jerry

P.S. Invite someone to church this week. It is the best gift you can give.

Joys and Concerns

Ruby Kolkman is in St. Joseph Hospital, room 408.

Announcements

Elders, mark *January 23* on your calendar. From 9 am-4 pm we will have our Elders' Retreat. A new manual, *Disciples Eldership: A Quest for Identity and Ministry* by Peter Morgan, will be the resource for the day's workshop. Our hope is that all active elders will participate in this workshop and that new elders will go through this training as well.

The 1993 Flower Chart is posted in the Narthex. We need people to sign up to provide flowers for Sunday morning.

Spiritual Participation	12-27-92	Average YTD
Worship	157	207
Sunday School	59	84

ATTENTION SENIORS

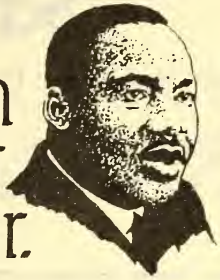
D.M.A. (Don't Mention Age) News

This coming Tuesday, January 5, at 12:00 noon, Sergeant Jim Zamora of the Fort Wayne Police Department will speak. He will talk about crime in Fort Wayne and offer some tips to help us . The tips will be to help prevent crime, not participate in the crime (ho! ho!). This is a potluck lunch. Somebody bring a dessert!

February 2 at 12:00 noon: We know Elvis is alive, but so is Abraham Lincoln. Since this is the month of Presidents, our guest will be Mr. Lincoln. This is a carry-in lunch.

The first Tuesday of the month--at 12:00 noon--is our regular meeting day. Mark it on your calendar!

Martin Luther King, Jr.



Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Service

Sunday, 17 January, 7:00 p.m. at
Plymouth Congregational Church

"If a man is called to be a street sweeper, he should sweep streets even as Michaelangelo painted, or Beethoven composed music, or Shakespeare wrote poetry. He should sweep streets so well that all the hosts of heaven and earth will pause to say, 'Here lived a great street sweeper who did his job well.'"

--Martin Luther King, Jr.

Youth News

This Sunday at 6:00 p.m., Chi Rho and CYF will meet to begin planning a lock-in, a dance, and Youth Sunday.

Creative Arts will also meet at 6:00 p.m.

Sermon Preview

Sermon: "Destiny and Dreams" Scripture: Matthew 2: 13-23

Why did the Wise Men not return to Herod after they saw the baby Jesus? Who did Herod kill because the Wise Men did not return? Why did he kill them? Are there Herods in our time?

Looking Ahead . . .

You are invited to attend the All-Church Birthday Dinner on Sunday, January 17, at 12:00 noon. Rolls, drinks, and cake will be provided. Please bring the following according to the first initial of your last name: A-I--vegetables; J-Q--dessert: R-Z--salad. You may sign up at church or call the church office at 744-3239. You will sit with other folks who celebrate their birthday the same month as you.

Rev. Jerry Zehr's P. R. C. meeting will be on January 25 at 7:00 pm

The All-Church Valentine's Dance will be on February 13. The Glenn Miller Band will play and there will be other surprises! Mark the date on your calendar.

Money Matters

We will keep the books open for 1992 until January 4 if you want to have any gifts of money posted for your contributions for 1992.

If you want to pre-pay your contribution for *1993* for tax purposes so that it will be posted for the 1992 year, you need to specify on your check: pre-payment for 1993.

We are approximately $8,000 under for 1992 as of this time. We hope those who need to catch up on their pledges for 1992 will do so before January 4.

"It is when things go wrong, when the good things do not happen, when our prayers seem to have been lost, that God is most present. We do not need the sheltering winds when things go smoothly. We are closest to God in the darkness, stumbling along blindly.

--Madeleine L'Engle

The prayer chain is in place and ready to lift your joys and concerns to God in prayer. To activate the prayer chain, call the church office (744-3239) between 8:00 am and 3:00 pm On weekends call Judy Church at 447-5691

Birthdays--January 7-13

Kenneth Taylor (7)
Bill Schilling, Jr. (8)
Kim Gross (9)
Anorak Phomsoupha (10)
Myrtle Devinney (10)
Scott Murray (10)
Deb Lehman (12)
Bev Kerr (13)
Jeff Murray (13)

Thank You

May God truly bless each and everyone of you for all you do. Words are not enough to express our gratefulness. Thanks for everything.

Cindy & Derrick Farr

"I Dream a World"
Portraits of Black Women Who Changed America

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Opening January 2 through February 21, 1993

Fort Wayne Museum of Art

Tuesday-Saturday, 10 am-5 pm,
Sunday, Noon-5 pm
(First Sunday of the month free)

Serving January 3

Elders

8:15 A.M. B. Hendricks, C. Ludwig
10:45 A.M. B. Franklin, S. Oden

Diaconate & Greeters

8:15 A.M. C. Davis, Jt. Myers, J. Myers, T. Knuckles
10:45 A.M. M. McFarland, S. Kerley, Db. Rinker, Dv. Rinker, L. Bushey, B. Glasgow, K. Bushey, T. Hatten

Ushers

8:15 A.M. J. Ott, D. Graham, C. Byrket
10:45 A.M. C. McGrew, H. Banet, W. Bowen, B. Glasgow

Homebound Communion

B. Hendricks--G. Brown
B. Johnson--L. Brey
C. Ludwig--M. Arnold
D. Oden--C. Davis

Communion Preparation

M. Hutchinson J. Bushey, K. Bushey

Acolytes

A. Stow & J. Anderson

Extended Session Leader

K. Bushey

Evangelism Callers

Team I--W. Klepfer
Team II--R. & J. Church

Lay Worship Leaders

8:15 A.M. C. Ewing
10:45 J. Franklin

Church Calendar

Sunday, January 3
8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
4:00 P.M. Youth sponsors meeting
6:00 P.M. Creative Arts
CYF & Chi Rho

Monday, January 4
7:00 P.M. Healing Service

Tuesday, January 5
12:00 P.M. D.M.A. potluck
8:00 P.M. Music staff meeting

Wednesday, January 6
7:00 P.M. Finance Committee

Thursday, January 7
5:30 P.M. Carillon
6:45 P.M. Jubilation Ringers
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir
Church & Community Task Force meeting

Friday, January 8
6:30 P.M. Choir party at Zehr's Clubhouse

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